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## HITCH IN HO'S NOMINATION

### Premiership May Be Offered To Chu Cheng

### PEACE TALKS HAZY

To Attend  
KMT Session?

Unconfirmed reports from Canton yesterday said that President Chiang Kai-shek will attend the Seventh National Congress of the Kuomintang next month.

The date for convening the Congress has not yet been fixed.

President Chiang Kai-shek is still Tsung Tsai Director-General of the Kuomintang.

One report added that President Chiang is preparing an important manifesto for the approval of the Congress.

The manifesto will define the Kuomintang's policy in regard to the peace talks between the Communist Party and the Central Government of China.

### Nationalists Maintain Majority

Johannesburg, March 11. The Nationalist Party of Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, has won a majority with 86 seats in the Union Provincial Council elections.

General Smuts' United Party secured 78 seats. The final state of the parties were:

Transvaal: Nationalists 34, United Party 27, Independent 2, Labour 2, one seat vacant.

Cape Province: Nationalists 20, United 23, Labour one.

Orange Free State: Nationalists 24, United Party one.

Natal: Nationalists 2, United Party 22, Independent 1.

One of the three Independents will support the Nationalists.

Dr. Malan, fighting the elections on the Nationalist "apartheid" policy of racial segregation, failed to obtain the sweeping victories which would have given definite electoral support to this policy. His party has done no more than maintain the gains made in last year's general election, when it defeated the United Party.

In the 1943 provincial elections, the Nationalists won 48 seats and the United Party 97. A party's gain in the present provincial elections should reflect itself in increased strength in the Senate of the Union next November.

Members of the provincial councils and members of Parliament meet at college to elect members to the Senate, which in November complete their ten-year term of office.—Reuter.

### Tremor Rocks Town In New S. Wales

Sydney, March 11. Terrified residents of Dalton, a town of 600 people, 130 miles South West of Sydney, rushed into the streets today as cracks appeared in brick and concrete buildings during an earth tremor.

Wooden buildings swayed crazily but no serious damage was reported.

The Riverview observatory, Sydney, said that the tremor was the worst since 1930 and more widespread than on that occasion. A large part of Southern New South Wales felt the tremor. Buildings in Sydney and its suburbs were shaken, and in Canberra, the shocks were the severest ever experienced there.

The tremor, which appeared to be centred in the Dalton area, lasted from 20 seconds to one minute. Dalton residents said that the main shock was followed by a series of tremors at quarter hour intervals.—Reuter.

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Motoring News and Views

A hitch in the nomination of General Ho Ying-chin, former minister of Defence, as the Nationalist Premier to succeed Dr. Sun Fo, has developed, according to unconfirmed reports tonight from Hangchow, in Chekiang Province, where General Ho is staying temporarily.

General Ho was expected to fly to Nanking this afternoon with Generals Chang Chi-chung and Poi Chung-hsi and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi, to await the approval of his nomination for the premiership by the Legislative Yuan and to begin selecting his cabinet ministers.

However, up to a late hour today, General Chang's party which flew to Hangchow to fetch General Ho this morning, had not returned to the capital.

Yesterday, General Chang and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi returned from Chikow, near Fenghua, where they were reported to have obtained Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's approval for General Ho's nomination.

This, however, was reported to have been given reluctantly by the retired president, the news of which, observers think, may have caused General Ho to reconsider his earlier reported acceptance of the premiership.

One local newspaper report here said that General Chang Chi-chung took a letter to General Ho from Chiang Kai-shek.

### Change Possible

Meanwhile, in Nanking, sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen, said that it was possible that changes might develop in connection with the nomination of the premier to be sent to the Legislative Yuan for approval.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen was understood to be now considering offering the premiership to Dr. Chu Cheng, former Judicial Yuan President, and one of the founders, with the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, of the Chinese republic.

Dr. Chu Cheng, a graduate of the Tokyo Law College, is said to be now beyond the influence of Chikow.

At 73, he held the Presidency of the Judicial Yuan for more than 10 years.

General Ho Ying-chin's nomination as the new premier of Nationalist China was the direct result of the approval given by Chiang Kai-shek, who chose him from a list of four prominent Nationalist leaders submitted to him. The names were—General Ho Ying-chin, General Chang Chi-chung, General Chang Chi-chung and Mr. Shao Li-ze.

Sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen said that the names were submitted by General Chang Chi-chung and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi, liaison officer between the Generalissimo and the acting-president, who returned to Nanking yesterday from several days' sojourn at Chikow.

Their mission for President Li was to ascertain Chiang Kai-shek's views on who should be China's next premier to succeed Dr. Sun Fo and endeavour to persuade Chiang to relinquish his powers and go abroad.

### Persuasion

The Generalissimo is understood to have, at first, told the mission that as Acting President Li had taken office, it was unnecessary for him to nominate "his man" for the premiership. Only after considerable persuasion did the Generalissimo reluctantly change his attitude and selected General Ho from the list.

He is understood to have declined the suggestion that he should hand over full powers to Acting President Li and go abroad. Observers say that Chiang Kai-shek still holds the real power in Nationalist China unofficially, through the loyalty of his secret police and many army commanders, as well as a big following of Kuomintang conservatives.

After General Chang Chi-chung had ascertained the Generalissimo's final views, he endeavoured to fly to Hangchow to pick up General Ho and to bring him to Nanking, but his plans were thwarted by bad weather. This necessitated General Ho, Chung-hsi, another close supporter of General Li Tsung-

### Reds Attack Tahokow

Nanking, March 11. More than 10,000 Communists, supported by heavy artillery, were attacking Tahokow, 10 miles West of the centre of the Nationalist Yangtze river North bank bridgehead at Yicheng, and about 30 miles East of Nanking, according to reports from Chinkiang today.

Artillery and machine-gun fire could be heard this afternoon in Yicheng. The fate of Tahokow was unknown.

A Communist column, rapidly moving South, has reached Tienchang, and was expected to provide reinforcements for the Communists at the bridgehead fighting. Chinkiang reports said.—Reuter—AAP.

jen, flying to Hangchow this morning to bring back General Ho.

Associated Press reports that the Chinese Government today pushed its plans for an early opening of peace talks, but official quarters disclosed that the Communists have not yet made any positive commitment to negotiate.

### Main Task

Acting President Li is rushing the formation of the new Cabinet, whose principal task will be to make peace with the Communists.

The new Cabinet will inherit only the hazy assurance that the Communists will talk peace. Wishful thinking in Government quarters is regarded as primarily responsible for the widespread feeling in Nationalist China that an opening of negotiations is imminent.

Dr. Sun Fo last week told a press conference that the Government based its assumption that negotiations would begin on or about March 15 on the verbal statement of a Communist spokesman. This was "sometime after March 15 may be the opportune time to begin peace talks."

March 15 is about to roll around and it was pointed out that little or none of the elaborate preparation or machinery for conducting peace negotiations is in motion.

There has been no indication from the Communists of the final decision to talk peace, under what circumstances and upon what terms. Government preparation has been largely stalled awaiting the formation of the new Cabinet. The peace proposal committee is reported to be ready with its initial recommendations but only in the most preliminary fashion.

### Rail Repairs

Both sides are meanwhile recognising and reinforcing their armies. The Communists are repairing necessary railroads and laying other ground work which would allow them to undertake a large-scale crossing of the Yangtze.

The casualty figures were issued by the German police. The dump is operated by the Disposal Branch of the Ministry of Supply.—Associated Press.

### WILL HEAD NEW GOVT



Bao Dai (centre), ex-Emperor of Annam, is seen at a cocktail party in Paris. Bao Dai and the French Government announced that they have reached an agreement under which Bao Dai will organise a new Indo-Chinese Government. In this manner France hopes to end the current war in Indo-China.—AP Photo.

## ISRAEL, TRANSJORDAN SIGN CEASE-FIRE PACT

Rhodes, March 11.

Israel and Transjordan today signed a formal cease-fire agreement here, to be effective until superseded by a general armistice. The agreement does not cover the sector of Central Palestine occupied by Transjordan's Iraqi allies.

United Press reports that agreement was reached as Transjordan sources reported fighting between Israeli and Arab Legion troops North of Akaba, Transjordan port on the Gulf of Akaba, which is garrisoned by British forces.

The two delegations agreed in principle to a cease-fire early last week in separate talks with the United Nations' Acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, but some UN circles had expressed fear that a formal agreement might be delayed as a result of the Akaba reports.

A report from Tel Aviv says that the government today announced that Israel forces have seized the five-mile coastal strip called Elath, at the Southernmost tip of Palestine, after a clash with the Arab Legion of Transjordan. Israel's first confirmation of fighting in the border area came as Rhodes dispatches reported Israel and Transjordan had agreed to a cease-fire.

The United States and Britain have begun high-level talks in Washington and London on the fire-side in Palestine, according to authoritative sources in London.

The Transjordan Government said today that battles between its Arab Legion troops and Israeli forces are still in progress.

No indication.

There has been no definite indication of the results of the reported battles in the border area near the British garrisoned port of Akaba. Arab Legion reinforcements have been proceeding to Akaba since last night, the Government said.

In London Mr. Hector McNeill, British Minister of State, told the house of Commons today that Transjordan has reported Israeli forces thrust some miles into Transjordan territory, raided a police outpost and withdrew.

He said another report received from King Abdullah's British-favoured Government told of a movement of considerable force of Israeli troops toward the Gulf of Akaba. The troops are reported to have reached the gulf, he said.

He added that no British troops have been involved in actions resulting from the movements.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

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### MR. W. J. KEATES FULLY CONSCIOUS

Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-In-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," has recovered full consciousness and is believed to be out of danger.

A report from Queen Mary Hospital stated, however, that he cannot yet receive visitors.

Mr. Keates was involved in a tram accident on February 14.

Mr. Bown, 30 years a resident in China, said that it was now just a matter of time before Communist influence would be felt in Shanghai. He said there was little reaction to the resignation of Dr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Bown will be returning to Shanghai sometime in August.

He expressed the hope that his family would be able to come out again from the United Kingdom, where they were evacuated at the time of the "big scare" over the Communist advance late last year.

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### Registration For HKDF

Total registrations at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday were 1,250 for the Defence Force and 951 for the other services.

Of those who had registered for the Defence Force, 231 were European.

Old volunteers who had signed their willingness to rejoin numbered 140.

More than half chose to join the Hong Kong Regiment. The numbers were: Hong Kong Regiment (337), Navy (180), Air Force (186), Home Guard (90), Essential Services (60), and Women's Auxiliaries (102).

It was learned at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday that the screening process was still going on, and so far no further swearing in has taken place since Colonel Tide signed up as the first recruit.

### THAT'S A LOT OF SHOOTIN'

Bangkok, March 11.

An explosion in a British dump near Brunswick killed 11 persons and injured more than 30 today.

It was not immediately known whether any British officials were among the casualties.

The dump is staffed mainly by Germans. The injured were taken to hospital.

The casualty figures were issued by the German police. The dump is operated by the Disposal Branch of the Ministry of Supply.—Associated Press.

### THE WEATHER

At 0400 GMT (6 p.m. HKST), a weak ridge of high pressure extends from the Pacific anti-cyclone across N. Luzon to the China Sea and a small anti-cyclone in the Eastern Sea is moving E. Between these two high pressure systems a trough extends from the Bonin Islands Formosa and extends to the SW and SW China.

Today's Forecast:—Light variable or Southerly winds. Cloudy with scattered drizzle. Mist and fog at first. Clearing during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 73.7 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 65.8 deg. Fah.

Sunrise: 0600.

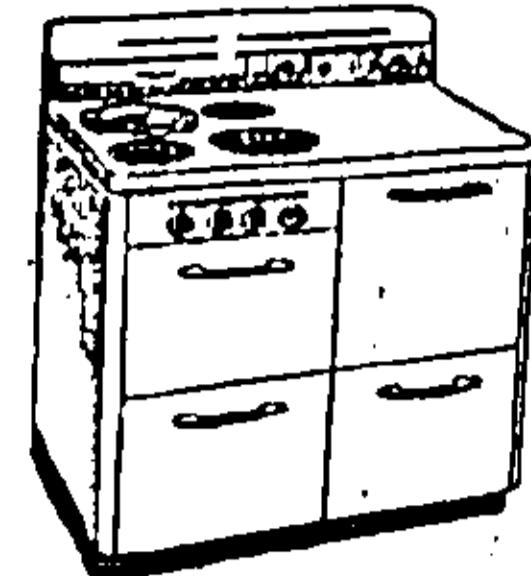
Rainfall: 0.1 mm.=0.004 inch. Total since Jan. 1-193.0 mm.=5.08 inches as average of 101.9 mm.=4.09 inches.

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## Banditry Reported In Kwangtung

Widespread banditry and intensified Communist operations in Kwangtung province have been recorded during the past week, according to reports from Canton, yesterday.

Vernacular press messages said that a well-equipped Communist force crossed the Hainan Straits from Hainan Island to seize temporary control of Luchow city. They withdrew after raiding government supply depots.

Bandits operating in the North, East and West river valleys have encircled a number of big county towns. The towns are at the mercy of the bandits as Government reinforcements for the affected areas are not available.

Similar reports come from Kunming, provincial seat of Yunnan. The provincial Government has suspended postal services beyond the boundaries of the capital after several postal caravans had been ambushed and robbed.

Bandits have also made attacks on the Yunnan-Indo-China railway. In one instance they removed some sleepers. Derailment was avoided only by a timely warning from railway guards.

Armed gangs are also active along the Yunnan-Kweichow highway, preying on commercial caravans and government supply trucks.

In Southern Kwangtung, a force of some 200 Communist

### Bacteriologist Of UN Arrives

Mr. Ernest Singer, a bacteriologist with the United Nations Health Organisation, arrived here yesterday by CNAC plane from Canton.

Mr. Singer's plane was one of those directed to land at Canton when Kai Tak was closed to incoming planes because of bad weather Thursday.

After two years of service with WHO in China, Mr. Singer is going on leave to Australia. He plans to leave Hong Kong by BOAC in a few days to join his family there.

Mr. Singer, who is a Czechoslovakian, said that he had not visited his home city, Prague, for more than 10 years.

He and his family intend to become Australian citizens.

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## Bail Reduced For Alleged Swindlers

On the successful application made by Messrs. Russ and Comber at Central yesterday, Mr. F. X. d'Almada granted further reduction in bail in the case of two men and two women involved in an alleged swindle.

Mr. Russ said that his friend Mr. Silva was unable to attend but Mr. Comber will make a similar application of a reduction.

They are being charged with larceny by trickery and conspiracy allegedly involving a sum of over \$500,000. The case was remanded for a week.

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Reminders

### Today

Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.

Woodcuts and Lithography exhibition by Mr. Hwang Yung-ku, Fung Ping Shan Library, 9 a.m.

Vibro Piling Co., Ltd., annual meeting, York Bldg., 1st flr., 12 noon.

HK Football Club dinner, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

Queen's College annual sports, Causeway Bay, 1.30 p.m.

Opening of Sports Pavilion, 5 p.m.

Seven A-Side Rugby Tournament, Club ground.

Third Extra Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

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Coming Events

TOMORROW  
Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.

Toc H Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 30, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra, concert of popular music, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY  
HK Football Referees Association monthly meeting, 8.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 9 p.m.

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### Unexpected End To Land Dispute

There was an unexpected ending to the land dispute before Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday, when the defendants consented to judgment without opening their case.

The dispute was in respect of the sale and erection of buildings on a piece of land at Shumshui-poo.

The plaintiffs were Lui Ki-ying, Lui Fook-hong and Lui Kam-wah, merchants, executors of the will of Louie Leung, who originally bought the land from

Leung.

Louie Leung entered into an agreement with the defendants, Dr. Sing-chi and The Chak-sang, also merchants, on December 2nd 1941, under which defendants were to put up buildings on the lot of a value of HK\$520,000. The buildings were to be completed by April 2, 1942, in consideration of which the title to the land and buildings was to be assigned to defendants.

Due to the intervention of the war, the buildings were never completed.

The plaintiffs, in their action, asked for a declaration that they, as executors of Louie Leung's estate, are the beneficial owners of the land, and also that defendants have no right or title or interest in the land. An order was sought for the removal from the Land Office Register of the registration of the agreement of December 2, 1941.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Eddie Potter, KC, and Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. L. D'Alton was for the defendants.

The case opened on Thursday morning. On its resumption yesterday, Mr. O'Alton informed the Court that the defendants had decided to consent to judgment.

Judgment was accordingly given by Mr. Justice Reynolds in terms of plaintiffs' claim.

The Government, - chartered Silverlight plane, took off for Karachi yesterday, carrying Indian prison warders from Stanley Prison.

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## Inquest Bares Tragic Story Of NT Murder

A tragic story of a widow's pregnancy, rape and eventual murder was related before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday during an inquest into the death of a father and his son.

The verdict in the inquest was murder by To Chung-tai, aged 20, and his friend Wong Kai-cho, aged 25; both of whom escaped after committing the crime in June last year.

The dead were To Fung-chung, Only a revolver was found in the hand of one of the alleged murderers came into the authority's custody.

An offer of HK\$1,000 reward by the Police for information leading to the arrest of the two young alleged murderers, still stands. Meanwhile the grim crime is still awaiting a solution.

Det. Sub-Inspector MacKenzie conducted the inquest.

## Commital Proceedings Started

Commital proceedings were started against Chan Tae-ming for the wounding of Chan Cheong, with alleged intent to murder before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant allegedly inflicted 25 stab wounds on the victim at the Sun Wah Boarding House in Connaught Road Central, on January 25 this year.

Det. Sub-Inspector Cashman said that the victim was a shopkeeper at his father's medicine shop at No. 54 Third Street. Defendant was a broker dealing in drugs and had known the victim since the re-occupation of the colony.

Evidence adduced will show that the defendant and the victim had been friendly and have spent much time together.

On January 24, defendant owed the victim HK\$50, a sum spent on girls. The victim asked defendant to return the money. Defendant promised to pay him HK\$20 the following day and at the same time said that he would get him some girls.

On the morning of January 25, defendant and victim had tea together. Victim was told by defendant to meet him at the Botanical Garden later. Defendant arrived at the appointed place at 2 p.m. and later they went to the Peak where they walked around for a while.

Later they returned to the City and went to the Sun Wah Boarding House where defendant booked a room and paid \$0.30. He signed his name Lee Ming, describing himself as a merchant from Canton.

After staying in the room for half an hour defendant told the victim that he was going out to get his girl friends. Later defendant returned with some wine and food and after consuming the wine with defendant the victim went to bed.

While the victim was dozing off, defendant struck at him. At first the victim thought defendant was fooling but later found he was bleeding.

The victim turned around and saw defendant holding a knife. Realising that he was not fooling, he pushed defendant off the bed and both of them rolled on the floor.

A constable came and picked up a knife in the passage way.

After Chan Cheong had his evidence taken, the case was adjourned to March 22.

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BOOK DEPARTMENT

# CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MAY BY THE CROWN

A denial that he did not want the stores at the Hung Hom PWD depot to be well kept and recorded because he did not want it to be known if materials became missing, was made by Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, at the 10th hearing of the PWD larceny trial yesterday.

For a good part of the day May was subjected to an intensive cross-examination by Crown Counsel, which will continue on Monday morning.

Standing trial with May is Holtmeyer, foreman, both of the Public Works Department, jointly charged with three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the government.

Reusing his evidence, from the witness stand, May gave further explanations on labour distribution. He told the court that the object of the Distribution Board at Hung Hom was to show the distribution of labour for all jobs on hand. It was also an indicator as to the progress of work. The board, he stated, was arranged in numerical order of the jobs. One could see at a glance the position of any job done on the Kowloon side.

Further details of the method of construction and arrangement of the Distribution Board as well as the procedure of making it up were given by May.

Accused further disclosed that there was auditing in January 1947 at Hung Hom. Except for a few particulars, everything was found to be satisfactory. As a result of that, May said, he recommended that a suspense account be put on to give an accurate distribution of labour and also an accurate record of what was going on.

As regards stores accused revealed the suspense account suggested by him had already been approved by the Secretary of State.

## Inventory System

Turning to the system of inventories, May stated that when he came to Hung Hom after the war there were no inventories of electrical installations. In March, he said, he started his new system of taking inventories, which went on until the time the police raided the Hung Hom depot.

Under the system which he devised, accused went on, materials were ordered from the Government stores at North Point for a particular job. When the job was completed an inventory was made out by the foreman. The occupant of the building then checked up the electrical installations against the inventory, after which he signed the inventory. Whenever any materials were left over from the job, he added, they were returned to the stores.

Replying to a query, May told the court that materials drawn from Wanchai depended on the number of men marked down for the particular job. If the job was an urgent one, as was the case at the Lai Chi Kok Hospital for instance, a greater number of men would be put on the job and the materials would be drawn in large quantities.

Accused was then questioned regarding instructions to the electrical staff, in the course of which he explained the various terms devised by him under the new system at Hung Hom. May also described at length how the daily labour distribution and job reports were made up under the system.

Asked to state his version of the affair at Lowbridge Shackleton and Company with regard to the two fluorescent lights installed there, May stated that one day he and Mr. Holtmeyer, the manager, were talking together at the latter's office.

May said he then remarked that the lights in the office were not very good and that Mr.

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## Personalia

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Norman Atteck-Marcham, civil servant of 7 Queen's Road Central, and Mrs. Eluned Williams, teacher, who is en route to Hong Kong on board the ss. *Carthage*.

Mr. L.B. Allen will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "Burma Today".

Among the passengers who are due to leave by BOAC today for the United Kingdom are Mr. and Mrs. H. Sedbury, Mrs. P. Frost, Mrs. J. C. Macfarlane, the Reverend Fr. Bernard Tolli and Mr. E.F. Jenkins.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. Lebourge, Miss V. Sun

and Mr. W. Mitchell.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. N. Abu-Suhaim, Messrs. E. Vincent S. Grinberg, E. Schneider, and A.L. Hallam.

Mr. John Kenneth Blackwell and Mr. Charles Dorset Eales arrived in the Colony yesterday from Swatow by the ss. *Taihui*, Mr. Fulcher.

Miss Jean Spangler arrived here from Yokohama yesterday by the

Mr. T. S. Pugh, who arrived yesterday by Pan-American plane from Manila, will succeed Mr. J.P. Cherry as General Manager of the Hong Kong Telephone Company.

Mr. Paul Komallai of Bharat Airways arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by Pan-American plane from Shanghai.

## Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. Kenneth Keen has been appointed to act as Superintendent of Imports and Exports with effect from March 6 during the absence of Mr. Eric Hinsworth who has left the Colony on leave.

Mr. Caulde Brumall Burgess has been appointed Deputy Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Council with effect from March 8.

Mr. K.M. A. Barnett has been appointed to Deputy Financial Secretary with effect from March 14.

Government has re-entered New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 24/6 for breach of a condition of Grant. The Re-entry has been registered.

Further questioned, May denied a suggestion that he did not want the system kept up inside the store because he did not want it to be found out if materials became missing.

May stated that he did not like Counsel's suggestion.

After being admonished by Mr. Hooton, May declared that his suggestion was not true.

He also denied a suggestion that he left the Hung Hom deposit room in order that when the occasion arose, it might be extremely difficult to trace any shortage in the stores.

Crown Counsel then proceeded to question accused further, in the course of which reference was made to the statement taken from him on the day of the police raid at Hung Hom.

Accused revealed in reply to a question that the statement had been taken down hurriedly by Mr. Macpherson while questions were being fired at him.

May contended that the statement made thus was inaccurate.

Explaining into the matter, May told the court that Mr. Johnston and Mr. Macpherson were in his office when he arrived late in the day at Hung Hom. Macpherson, he stated, was sitting at his desk. Mr. Morrison, it is alleged, then rose and questions were being fired at him.

Accused said he explained the matter as far as he knew to his interlocutor.

Macpherson, accused went on, then proceeded to take down a statement, writing away instead of him and putting in words which were not May's words.

"I had not the chance of correcting because the first part of the statement was read out to me and I simply signed the whole lot," May declared. "It was inaccurate."

Replying to a question by Mr. Hooton, accused agreed that the Pokfulam job was a job in which Kowk Kwong had deceived him.

After further cross-examination, hearing was adjourned to

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# Shanghai Dockyards' Profit During 1948

The Shanghai Dockyards, Limited, made a profit of HK\$1,684,803.83 during 1948, it was revealed at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Mr. F. A. Pollock, chairman of the company, presided and was supported by Mr. G. E. Townley, ACA, Hon. secretary. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The Directors Report and Accounts for the year ended September 30, last year, was read by the Chairman. In spite of the rising prices and currency depreciation, said Mr. Pollock, the Company had managed to steer clear of all shoals.

"To operate a Dockyard under taxed conditions is no easy matter," Mr. Pollock said, "and I am sure, the shareholders will agree that high profits are due to the management for the satisfactory results achieved."

"I am pleased to be able to report that our Company is in as strong a position as ever to undertake ship and land repairs of all descriptions."

"I regret to inform the Company that Mr. T.H. Gwynne, the secretary, died while on sick leave in England, last year. Mr. G.E. Townley, ACA, who has taken Mr. Gwynne's place is carrying out the duties of the secretary."

"The spread of war to the Yangtze Valley will have its effect on our business, and it is, therefore, difficult to forecast what is in store for us."

The following were elected to serve on the board for the ensuing year: Mr. F.A. Pollock, chairman; Mr. G.E. Townley, ACA, Hon. secretary; Messrs. Lowe, Bligh & Thompsons (Chartered Accountants); Messrs. J.A. Bonnyman, M.B.E., W.J. Hawkins, A.E. Marker, R.S. Larkin and K. Ross MacKenzie, directors.

Among the shareholders present at the meeting were Mr. F.C. Pei, representing the Shanghai and Commercial Savings Bank; Mr. I.F. Acott, representing Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Mr. S.H. Ash, representing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Mr. C. Morden, representing the Yangtze Finance Co., Ltd.; Wheeler Morden & Co., and W.J. Hawkins (by proxy); J.H. Hamm, representing K. Ross MacKenzie (by proxy); Mr. T.D. Drysdale, representing the New Engineering Co., Ltd. and Messrs. A.R.D. Wilson and A. Piercy.

Mr. G.E. Morden, on behalf of the shareholders, expressed ap-

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### Dangerous Nonsense

Sir—I replied to Mr. Silva only because he introduced the name of the Governor into a political letter in a manner which seemed to me objectionable.

His reference to "the admiral government of Hong Kong, democratic to a fault" made plain also the object of his letter. It struck me as being dangerous nonsense. Sycophancy and nonsense need not be mixed.

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Mr. M.A. da Silva for the applicant contended that the tribunal's jurisdiction to evict was confined to tenants who pay pecuniary rent.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the respondent, referred to the case of Mohuwalla, where the Full Court upheld a judgment affording an eviction order and that only tenants paying pecuniary rent were entitled to the protection of the Proclamation. Mr. d'Almada quoted another Full Court case where it was held that money paid by a tenant for rent was not a pecuniary rent.

Mr. Justice Reynolds said he agreed with Mr. d'Almada and held that the letting of the premises was for the duration of the tenancy only. There was no evidence that Kong had a monthly tenancy, and it must be inferred that he was only a tenant at will, which tenancy was terminated by the notice of termination served on him.

In the cross appeal by Ding Gow, the cross respondent, judgment was given in favour of Kong.

The cross appeal was that Ding Gow, the attorney for Ding Gow, had no authority to delegate his authority to Ding Loy who let the premises to Kong. The contention was that the power of attorney was abrogated when Ding Gow and Ding Loy were divided by the line of water. Ding Gow having gone to America.

The Court held that Ding Loy was an agent of necessity and was empowered to let the premises.

As both appeal and cross appeal were dismissed, no order was made as to costs.

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of SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Company will be held at the  
offices of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MON-  
DAY, 26th March, 1949, at  
NOON to receive the Report of  
the Directors together with the  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December, 1948  
to elect Directors, and to  
appoint Auditors.

NOTICE  
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STORES DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that  
sealed tenders in duplicate,  
which should be clearly marked  
"Tender for Photographs"  
will be received at the office  
of the Chairman, Tender  
Board, Colonial Secretariat,  
Lower Albert Road, until noon  
on Friday, 25th March, 1949,  
for taking progress photo-  
graphs of Public Works over-  
a period up to the 31st March,  
1949.

Forms of Tender, specifica-  
tion and further particulars  
may be obtained at the Office  
of the Controller of Stores,  
Government Stores Depart-  
ment, Electric Road, North  
Point, Hong Kong.

J. HARGREAVES,  
Acting Controller of Stores.

March 7, 1949.

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It is hereby notified that  
sealed "tenders for the supply  
and making Summer Uniforms  
for Police Force" will be re-  
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Chairman, Tender Board,  
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March 11, 1949.

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We beg to announce that two  
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tween Nanking & Shanghai on  
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Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

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Cabinet Approval Of  
Atlantic Pact Draft

London, March 10.

The Cabinet today formally approved the final draft of the Atlantic Pact.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, personally laid the draft before the Cabinet.

All the North Atlantic Union Government are expected to have approved the pact by the end of this week, making it possible to publish the text early next week. Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, announced in Ottawa today.

"The expectation now is that the conference for the signature of the pact will be held early in April. Earl, it appeared that such a conference would be in Bermuda, but now it is almost certain to be in Washington," he added.

Mr. Pearson said the Canadian Cabinet decided at a meeting today to go over the text of the pact clause by clause, but he does not expect there would be any changes in the text as received from Washington.

"The nations that will sign this pact," he added, "are States that work together, have confidence in each other and believe in the same things."

## Financing Arms

Military legislation to back up the North Atlantic Pact will reach Congress about the same time as the pact itself, the U.S. State Department spokesman said in Washington today.

It is understood authoritatively that in addition to members of the pact, arms will be financed for areas whose stability affects the security of the United States. These countries include Greece, Turkey, Persia and the Philippines.

The spokesman of the State Department, Mr. Michael McDermott, said: "Our representatives of the National Military Establishment, the Economic Cooperation Administration and the State Department have been working on the draft military assistance legislation, which should be ready to go to Congress about the same time as the pact."

"At present, the programme is not firm enough to warrant a reliable estimate on its costs,"

## Danish Attitude

Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, the Danish Foreign Minister, arrived in the United States today to explore the possibility of Denmark joining the Pact.

Asked whether the Danish people are in favour of joining the Alliance, Dr. Rasmussen replied: "Yes." He believed it very unlikely that discussions on a Scandinavian Alliance will be reopened.

The Danish Foreign Minister will take back to his Parliament from Washington a copy of the treaty. He will also take information about the kind of aid which Denmark can expect.

Particular interest is attached in Washington to the adherence of Denmark to the pact because of the strategic importance of Greenland—a Danish possession.

## Use Of Bases

The United States has the use of bases in Greenland under a wartime treaty still in force. The assumption is that if Denmark joins the Alliance, the use of the bases by other members of the Alliance will be a matter for discussions in the various collective security institutions to be set up under the pact.

A Danish spokesman in Washington emphasised that there has never been any discussion and no such discussion is contemplated of the bases to be provided in Denmark itself, except in the event of an attack. Dr. Rasmussen said that before Denmark commits herself, the pact must be debated in Parliament. "The idea of my coming here is to contact the United States Government to enable my Government to have a solid basis for submitting the matter to Parliament."

THE FOOD  
OUTLOOK  
NOT GOOD

Manila, March 11.

Mr. Norris E. Dodd, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, said today that the world food outlook is not so good.

Mr. Dodd arrived here by plane from Bangkok, where he attended the opening sessions of the International Rice Commission.

The Director, who has toured European and Asian countries, said there are few exceptions to the generally dark food picture.

Most countries lack food reserves to carry them through emergencies, he said, adding that Spain and the Philippines are possible exceptions to this group.

Mr. Dodd is expected to leave for Hong Kong on Sunday after studying the Philippine food situation.

He plans to visit Shanghai and Tokyo and possibly Australia before returning to the United States.—United Press.

DANCER FOUND  
NOT GUILTY

Hollywood, March 11.

A jury of eight men and four women today took only one hour and seven minutes to acquit the dancer, Vickie Evans, of conspiracy to possess marijuana.

The blonde dancer was the only one of four persons arrested at the hillside home she occupied with the starlet, Lila Leeds, to win acquittal on drug charges. The film star, Robert Mitchum, Lila Leeds and a real estate man were all convicted.—United Press.

Tel Aviv, March 10.

The new Israeli Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, was approved by the Israeli Parliament by 73 votes to 45 today.—Associated Press.

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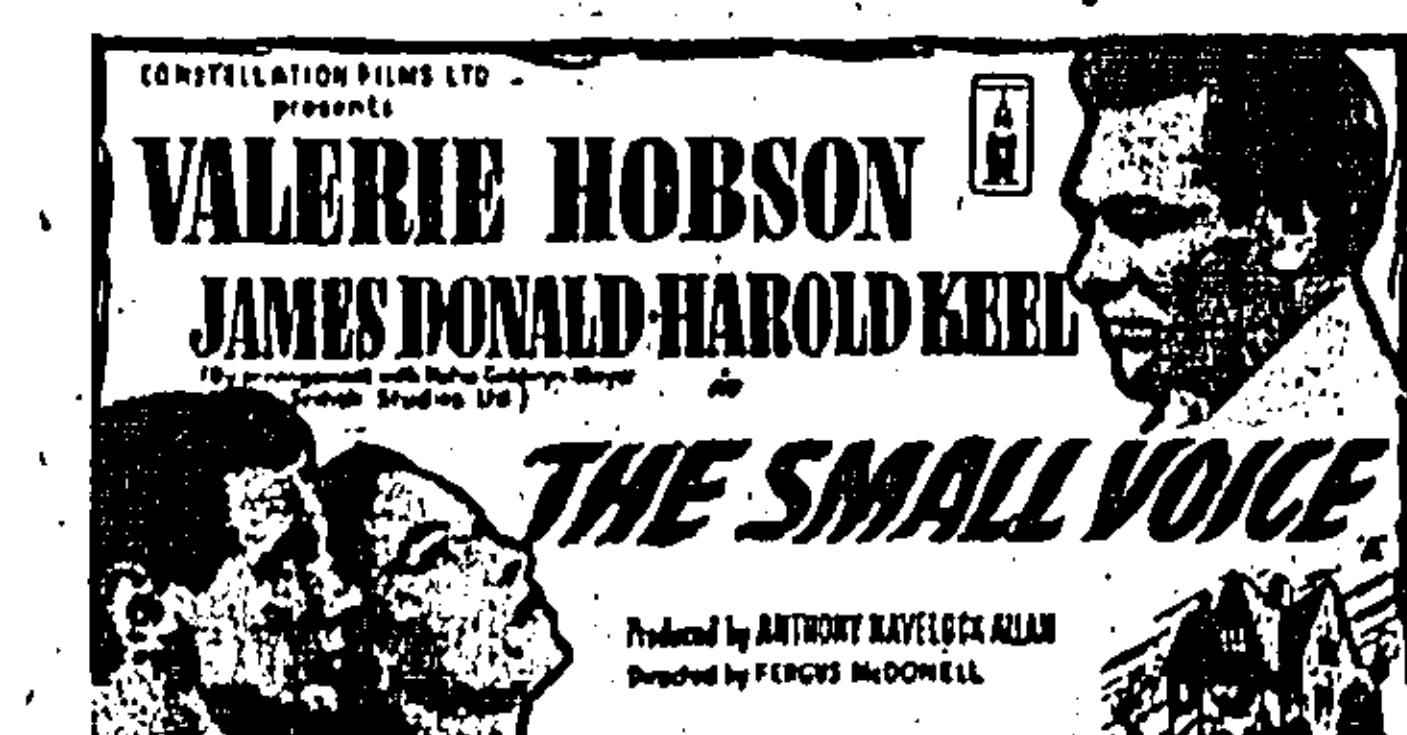
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DEFENCE WITH  
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London, March 10.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, discussed regional defence arrangements with the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Cevat Acikalim, at the Foreign Office today.

They discussed:—1.—Reported Soviet moves in Ankara, and Turkey's attitude to membership of a possible Mediterranean regional defence pact.

2.—The issue of a declaration concerning Turkey, Greece and Iran by the United States, Britain and France on the occasion of the signing of the Atlantic Union.

It has been common knowledge that the question of some Western European declaration of policy covering Turkey and Greece—both of whom receive American aid—and possibly Iran, to coincide with the signing of the Atlantic Union, has been under consideration.

The exclusion of Turkey from the powers taking part in the forthcoming London talks on setting up a European Council may have received, but there is nothing positive for the moment," Mr. Sadak said.

Turkey's idea of a Mediterranean regional defence pact would bring in Greece, Italy, France, Great Britain and, perhaps later, Spain. Mr. Tsaldaris last year proposed a union with Middle Eastern countries, particularly Egypt, but at that time received, but not support anywhere.

Mr. Sadak and Mr. Tsaldaris are believed to favour the union of the North Atlantic Pact and hence to gain in effect what they desire most—a definite military tie with America.

Mr. Sadak made no comment on published reports that the Russian Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Lavrash, had approached the Turkish Foreign Office expressing concern over any projected Mediterranean pact but important Government spokesman have denied categorically that any official approach has been made.

## Russian Policy

It is possible that in the course of conversations, Mr. Lavrash might have brought up the subject.

Mr. Sadak said that only time will show whether the replacement of V.M. Molotov by A. Vishinsky can bring any change in Russian policy towards Turkey.—Reuter and Associated Press.

## Wants Pact

In Istanbul, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. N. Sadak, said that Turkey wants a Mediterranean pact.

Returning from London and Paris, Mr. Sadak said he had

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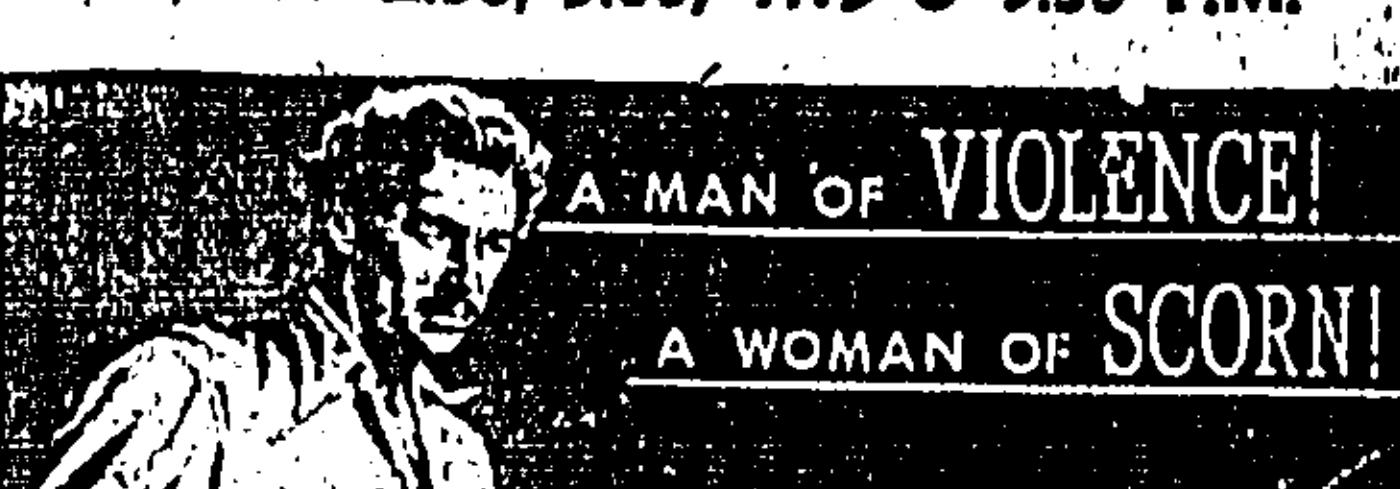
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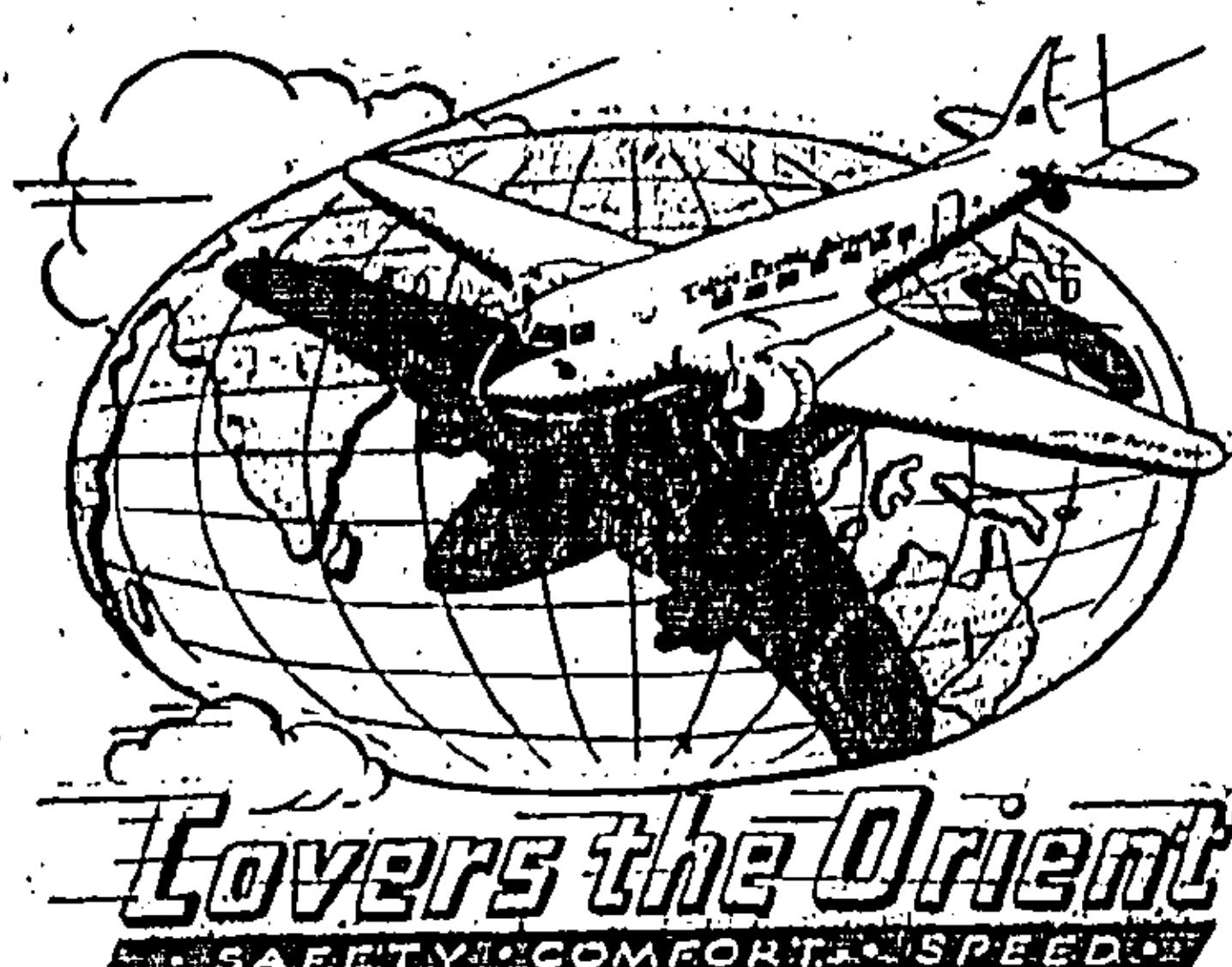
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## THEIR FINEST HOUR

No Safe Places  
By Winston Churchill

But in London, although the attack was less overpowering, the security arrangements were far less developed. Apart from the Tubes there were no really safe places. There were very few basements or cellars which could withstand a direct hit. Virtually the whole mass of the London population lived and slept in their homes, or in their Anderson shelters under the fire of the enemy, taking their chance with British

phlegm after a hard day's work. Not one in a thousand had any protection except against blast and splinters. But there was as little psychological weakening as there was physical pestilence.

Of course, if the bombs of 1943 had been applied to the London of 1940 we should have passed into conditions which might have pulverised all human organisation. However, everything happens in its turn and in its relation, and no one has a right to say that London, which was certainly unconquered, was not also unconquerable.

Little or nothing had been done before the war or during the peace period to provide bomb-proof strongholds from which the Central Government could be carried on. Elaborate plans had been made to move the seat of Government from London. Complete branches of many departments had already been moved to Harrogate, Bath, Cheltenham and elsewhere. Accommodation had been requisitioned over a wide area, providing

for all Ministers and important functionaries in the event of an evacuation of London. But now under the bombardment the desire and resolve of the Government and of Parliament to remain in London was unmistakable, and I shared this feeling to the full. I, like others, had often pictured the destruction becoming so overpowering that a general move and

dispersal would have to be made.

But under the impact of the event our reactions were in the contrary sense.

## All Telephones

On the line of striking it out in London it was necessary to construct all kinds of strongholds under or above ground from which the Executive, with its thousands of officials, could carry out their duties. A citadel for the War Cabinet had already been prepared near Hampshire, with offices, bedrooms and wire and fortified telephone communication. This was called "Paddock". On September 29 I prescribed a dress rehearsal that everybody should know what to do if it got too hot. We held a Cabinet meeting at "Paddock" far from the light of day, and each Minister was requested to inspect and satisfy himself about his sleeping and working apartments. We celebrated this occasion by a vivacious luncheon and then returned to Whitehall. This was the only time "Paddock" was ever used by Ministers.

Over the War Room and offices

in the basement of the Annex we floated in six feet of steel and concrete, and made elaborate arrangements for ventilation, water supply, and above all telephones. As these offices were far below the level of the Thames, only 200 yards away, care had to be taken that those in them were not trapped by an influx of water.

## Own Burden

The retirement of Mr. Chamberlain, enforced by grave illness, led to important Ministerial changes. Mr. Herbert Morrison had been an efficient and vigorous Minister of Supply, and Sir John Anderson had faced the Blitz of London with firm and competent management. By the early days of October the continuous attack on the largest city in the world was so severe and raised so many problems of a social and political character in its vast harassed population, that I thought it would be a help to have a long-trained Parliamentarian at the Home Office, which was now also the Ministry of Home Security. London was being the brunt, Herbert Morrison was Londoner, versed in every aspect of metropolitan administration. He had unrivaled experience of London Government, having been Leader of the County Council, and in many ways the principal figure in its

affairs.

At the same time I needed

John Anderson, whose work at

the Home Office had been exec-

lent, as Lord President of the Council, in the wider sphere of the Home Affairs Committee, to which an immense mass of business was referred, with great relief to the Cabinet. This also lightened my own burden and enabled me to concentrate upon the military conduct of the war, in which my colleagues seemed heartily disposed to give me latitude.

## The Problems

I therefore invited these two high Ministers to change their offices. It was no bed of roses which I offered Herbert Morrison. These pages certainly cannot attempt to describe the problems

of London Government, which often

right after night ten or twenty thousand people were made homeless, and when nothing but the ceaseless vigil of the citizens as Fire Guards on the roofs prevented uncontrollable conflagrations; when hospitals filled with mutilated men and women were themselves struck by the enemy's bombs; when hundreds of thousands of weary people crowded together in unsafe and insanitary shelters; when communications by road and rail were ceaselessly broken down, when drains were smashed and light, power and gas paralysed and, when, nevertheless, the whole fighting, toiling life of London had to go forward, and nearly a million people he moved in and out for their work every night and morning. We did not know how long it would last. We had no reason to suppose that it would not go on getting worse.

When I made the proposal to Mr. Morrison he knew too much

about it to treat it lightly. He

asked for a few hours' considera-

tion; but in a short time he re-

turned and said he would be proud to shoulder the job. I highly ap-

proved his many decisions.

## Full Moon

Quite soon after the Ministerial movements, a change in the enemy's method affected our general policy. Till now the hostile attack had been confined almost exclusively to high-explosive bombs; but with the full moon of October 16, when the heaviest attack of the month fell upon us, about 480 German aircraft dropped 382 tons of high explosive and in addition 70,000 incendiary bombs. Hitherto we had encouraged the Londoners to take cover, and every effort was being made to improve their protection. But now

"To the basements" must be replaced by "To the roofs." It fell to the new Minister of Home Security to institute this policy. An organisation of fire-watchers and fire services on a sufficient scale and covering the whole of London (apart from measures taken in provincial cities) was rapidly brought into being.

At first the fire-watchers were volunteers; but the numbers required were so great, and the feeling that every man should take his turn upon the roster so strong, that fire-watching soon became compulsory. This form of service had a bracing and buoyant effect upon all classes.

## All Hours

Women pressed forward to take their share. Large-scale systems of training were developed to teach the fire-watchers how to deal with the various kinds of incendiaries which were used against us. Many became adept, and thousands of fires were extinguished before they took hold. The experience of remaining on the roof night after night under fire, with no protection but a thin mat, soon became habitual.

Mr. Morrison presently decided to consolidate the 1,400 local fire

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An American repellent has been found useless against sharks in Australian waters. Why don't they try dropping Mr. Calwell in?

So now there's gold in them thar hills. That is, if you carry enough of them.

But they don't introduce a special bill into the House of Lords which it comes to my Income Tax.

The "Far Eastern Economic Review" is the latest voice to take up the "Hong Kong" Hong Kong controversy. After a powerful piece explaining why it's ridiculous to use any other term than "Hong Kong," the rest of the page is taken up by two stories, and in the headings of both are the cryptic words "Hong Kong". Just two of them.

Demented Definitions.

HIGAMIST: One who loves not wholly but two well.

BUSTLE: A deceitful scoundrel.

CRITIC: One who likes to go places and boo things.

FAT MAN: One who knows where his cigar ashes will land.

LIFE: An eternal struggle to keep one's earning capacity up to one's yearning capacity.

QUARTET: A group of four, each one of whom thinks the other three can't sing.

STENOGRAPIER: A girl you pay to learn to spell while she's looking for a husband.

TOMBSTONE: The only thing that has a good word for a person when he's down.

TOMORROW: One of the world's greatest labour-saving devices.

WOMEN: The opposition sex.

It is possible that Chiang Kai-shek has outstayed his welcome. It is reported from Nanking that the most popular thing he has said in years was goodbye.

Women have recently been placed at a disadvantage: man can now travel faster than sound.



## MALAYA TOU

London, March 10.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, stated in Parliament yesterday that 800 civilians and members of the security forces in Malaya were killed as a result of bandit activity during the past 12 months.

The number of bandits killed was 450—Reuter.

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Do you recognise where this picture was taken? That's "ever 10" in Page Seven.

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# BRITAIN TO SUPPORT ARABS

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### AKABA FIGHTING

#### IMPASSE IN AUSTRIAN PACT TALKS

London, March 10. The month-old Austrian peace treaty talks here were threatened with collapse today after unyielding statements by the Yugoslav and Austrian delegates.

Diplomatic observers in London believe they can be saved only if Russia makes an 11th hour move withdrawing her support from Yugoslavia's claims against Austria.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow after reaching deadlock.

This followed the decision of the three Western Powers to back Austria's rejection of frontier changes and reparation payments, and to oppose, in varying degrees, Yugoslavia's demand for the creation of a Slovène autonomous area inside Austria. —Reuter.

#### KAREN'S OCCUPY MAYMYO

Rangoon, March 10. Karen rebels have occupied Maymyo, the Burmese Army centre near Mandalay, and fighting is taking place 21 miles North of Mandalay itself, an official communiqué stated here tonight.

Government troops withdrew Southward from Maymyo and the nearby airstrip of Anisank after a Karen counter-offensive, the communiqué says.

The communiqué claims that Government troops have encircled rebel forces at Myitnge, a rail town seven miles South of Mandalay.

The evacuation of British Services Mission personnel from Maymyo will be completed tonight on the arrival here of another Royal Air Force plane carrying more members.

The officer in charge of the evacuation said a British doctor and his wife have volunteered to remain in Maymyo to attend to Britons in the hospital there.

Earlier today, five more officers and a number of enlisted men were taken by air to Rangoon. —Reuter.

#### MORE CHANGES IN RUSSIA

London, March 10. Radio Moscow today said that M. Rodinov has been re-elected from his post as chairman of the Council of Ministers, or Premier, of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, largest unit in the Soviet Union.

The broadcast said that B.N. Chernousov had been named as his successor.

The Russian Republic comprises 6,000,000 square miles and has a population of 109,270,000 according to the 1939 census figures.

Rodinov was named Premier of the Russian Republic in March 1946. —United Press.

#### BUDGET DAY

London, March 10. Britain's Budget Day is to be on April 6. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, announced in Parliament today. —Reuter.

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London, March 10. The British Government intends to carry out its treaty obligations under the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, declared in the House of Commons today.

He would not make a statement about the present

position in the Transjordan port of Akaba, where British troops are stationed.

"I think I had better not do that," he said, "I had better leave it to the Foreign Secretary."

Mr. Noel Baker insisted, however, that Britain intends to carry out her obligations under the 1948 Anglo-Transjordan Treaty, which gives the Arab state the right to call for military assistance.

The Minister made his statement during question time when he told the House of Commons that the British Government had informed the Commonwealth Governments of its decision to send a force to Akaba.

They were told that this had been done in response to the request of the Transjordan Government, made under the terms of the British treaty with Transjordan, he said.

"As the other Commonwealth Governments are not parties to this treaty, no question of inviting them to participate arose," he added.

Dr. Samuel Segal, Labour, had asked which of the Dominions were notified of Britain's intention to land a task force at Akaba, and how many were invited to take part.

Dr. Segal: "Since we were glad of the support of the Dominions in this area during the war ought we not to take heed of their advice in this matter?"

#### Quite Plain

"Does he (the Minister) not realise that any isolated military action of our own in this area now is neither likely to protect the puppet state of Transjordan nor intimidate anyone else?"

Mr. Noel Baker: "If the Commonwealth Governments gave us advice we would gladly listen to it, but we never received any advice. Dr. Segal would require that an ally should be protected against aggression if it occurred within the terms of the treaty."

Lord Winterbottom, Conservative, asked if the Minister would make it perfectly clear that Britain intends to carry out her treaty obligations whatever the opposition may be from those who have racial affiliations with Israel.

Mr. Noel Baker: "It is quite plain that the British Government do intend to carry out their treaty obligations."

Mr. John Lewis, Labour, asked if Lord Winterbottom was in order after Mr. Segal had raised a question in the interests of the House to say that the reason the question was put down was to further racial affiliations with another country.

#### Rather Alarming

Lord Winterbottom: "I said nothing of the sort. The words I used were that we should carry out our treaty obligations irrespective of the opposition of those who have racial affiliations."

A Labour Member, Mr. Leslie Judah Solley, shouted from the back Government benches: "Go and join Mosley." (Sir Oswald Mosley was leader of the British Union of Fascists before the war).

### Financial Talks With Israel

London, March 9. The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, today told the House of Commons that there has been no delay in opening finance talks with Israel, because no date has been fixed.

He said that many economic and financial problems to be discussed are being examined by the British Government.

A Labour member said that Israel is rapidly becoming a hard currency area and the only results of delays will be a loss to Britain in the Middle East of many millions of pounds in hard currency markets.

Mr. Bevin answered: "This financial business is not all one-sided." —United Press.

### Heavy Fighting

It was officially learned in Amman, the Transjordan capital, tonight that heavy fighting is still taking place near Akaba, the British-garrisoned port in the Southern tip of Transjordan.

A small mechanised column reported to be proceeding parallel with the Egyptian-Palestine borders reached Umm Rishish, a small village about 10 miles North West of Akaba.

The column was successfully barred at that point by Arab Legion forces and finally repulsed.

The fighting seems to be widespread and breaking out at different places.

The Israelis seem determined to attain a strategic base on the Red Sea.

#### Becoming Heavier

Their campaign, started on March 7 and is becoming heavier every hour. Their main column crossing the Akaba

No details of casualties or ultimate conclusions of the battles are available.

The situation is described as very obscure. —Reuter and Associated Press.

### Son's Effort To Vindicate Father

Karachi, March 10.

A youthful Briton has arrived in Pakistan determined to clear his father's name.

He is Anthony Neville Stack, aged 28, whose father, the famous British aviator, Captain Neville Stack, was knocked down and killed by a truck last month.

An official inquiry is to be held here tomorrow into the death.

It was following a suggestion by the police here that his father had killed himself that young Stack flew from England.

Mr. Stack said today that after making widespread inquiries into the circumstances of his father's death he is quite convinced that he had not committed suicide.

Captain Stack, who was General Manager of Orient Airways, a Pakistan owned company, had been told by the

police to remain in Karachi pending inquiries into the sale of a Dakota aircraft.

But, as a result of investigations he made here, his son is satisfied that his father acted honestly.

The son told Reuter today that the police here have been helpful and most polite.

The Karachi magistrate had readily agreed to postpone the date of the inquiry from today until tomorrow, so that his elder brother, Squadron-leader Thomas Neville Stack, should have an opportunity to attend.

Squadron Leader Stack, who is flying to Karachi, has been held up by bad weather and is expected here later today.

Anthony Stack has decided to have no legal representative at the enquiry. —Reuter.

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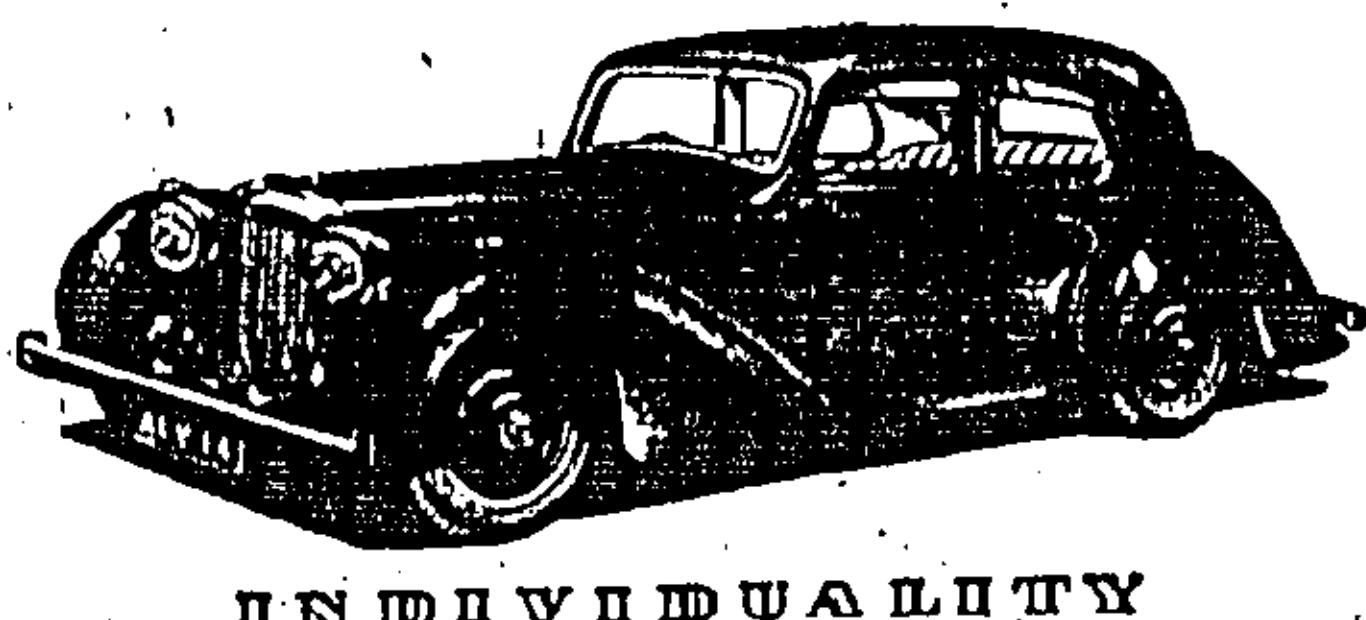
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# MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

## New Buick Fitted With Dynaflow Drive Device

By Our Motoring Editor

After a pleasant cruise round the island highways on Wednesday in one of the latest liners to come down the Buick slipways I was faintly disappointed to find that they are still using wheels on these vehicles. They seem anachronistic beside some of the other features of the car.

Both Mr. N. Buerlin, manager of China International Motors Limited (Buick representatives), and his service manager Mr. Huligan, who were present on Wednesday's jaunt, appeared at first to have only one topic of conversation—the new Dynaflow drive with which the car is fitted. And well they might have.

However, it seems certain that before any chat about engines begins the general public will insist on an explanation of those curious chromium-flipped holes which appear near the tops of the front mudguards just forward of the front doors. Stand by for disillusionment. They are not outlets for Jato tubes to give jet-assisted take-off; nor are they pre-fab homes for gremmies as one Air Force gentleman has suggested; they are not even connected with the exhaust. If we must face the facts they are there to give the car a distinctive appearance, though there is a rather specious explanation offered that they provide a means of escape for the engine-heats which would otherwise over-warm the passenger compartment.

## Oil Takes Over

Now, let's get on with the Dynaflow. In case there is anyone around who understands these matters here is Mr. Holligan's explanation of the new device.

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"What the Buick engineers have done is to produce a device in which oil replaces both the clutch and the three or four forward-speed changes of the transmission."

What Dynaflow actually means to you and I is this. You leap nimbly into the driver's seat, noting (with a little prompting from the salesman) that the glove box is cunningly designed to swing open and shut at finger-tip pressure. Once there you are faced with a steering wheel behind which is a lever connected to a pointer which travels over a small panel marked with the letters P, N, D, L, R.

As the pointer is probably set at P for parking or N for neutral you go right ahead and switch on, starting the engine by depressing the accelerator pedal. It will not start if the pointer is at any of the other positions.

## No Changing

With the engine running you move the indicator to D for driving range, release the hand-brake by pulling a little knob (it is applied by foot-pressure on a pedal), press the accelerator, and you're away.

Here is the whole point. Provided you are not smitten with a desire to climb the side of a house, get yourself out of a bog or a quicksand or travel backwards you

need do nothing from beginning to end of your journey but control the speed of the car with foot-brake and accelerator.

The D position allows you to climb all but the steepest hills, stop, start again, accelerate smartly, all without any change in the position. The L position for extreme load and R for reverse come into play only under the special conditions for which they are provided.

There is no doubt that the performance of the Dynaflow unit conforms with the claims of the manufacturers. For the rest, the car is what one would expect of a Buick. It is magnificently comfortable, has easy, responsive steering, contains all the fittings (including a very fine radio) to make life on the road easy and pleasant.

## 1950 Cars Being Secretly Tested

Cars of 1950 are being tested in secret on a former Transport Command airfield at Lindley, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, where the first national car proving ground in the world has been established.

The proving ground is being built on an airfield by the Motor Industry Research Association, which are financed two-thirds by their industry and one-third by Government. Mr. A. O. Dolby, aged 30, a former REME captain, is in charge. It is to be opened officially early in April.

Today it is by no means complete but already motor firms are testing in ideal conditions free from the hazards of road trials, models for the October Motor show.

The sum of £1,000,000 is to be spent making the proving ground better than even those possessed by one or two American car manufacturers. It is being equipped with stretches representing every road surface in the world, water and mud splashes, skid areas, high speed and average speed circuits and scientific laboratories.

## Ford Predicts Car Price

The inevitability of a new pay increase, with consequent raising of prices, is a topic brought into the open recently by Henry Ford II. This is a subject generally avoided by industrial leaders in America, although further wage increases have long been regarded by labour as unavoidable under present conditions.

Mr. Ford considers that for the first time since the end of the war, manufacturers cannot be sure that they can pass higher wages on to the consumer in the way of higher prices.

It is Mr. Ford's opinion that, while certain industries such as steel, oil, chemicals and automobiles with high earnings and a strong demand for products may find ground for compromise, the position of industries in which consumer resistance is already being felt suggests trouble ahead. It is when organised labour takes its demand for the general increase.

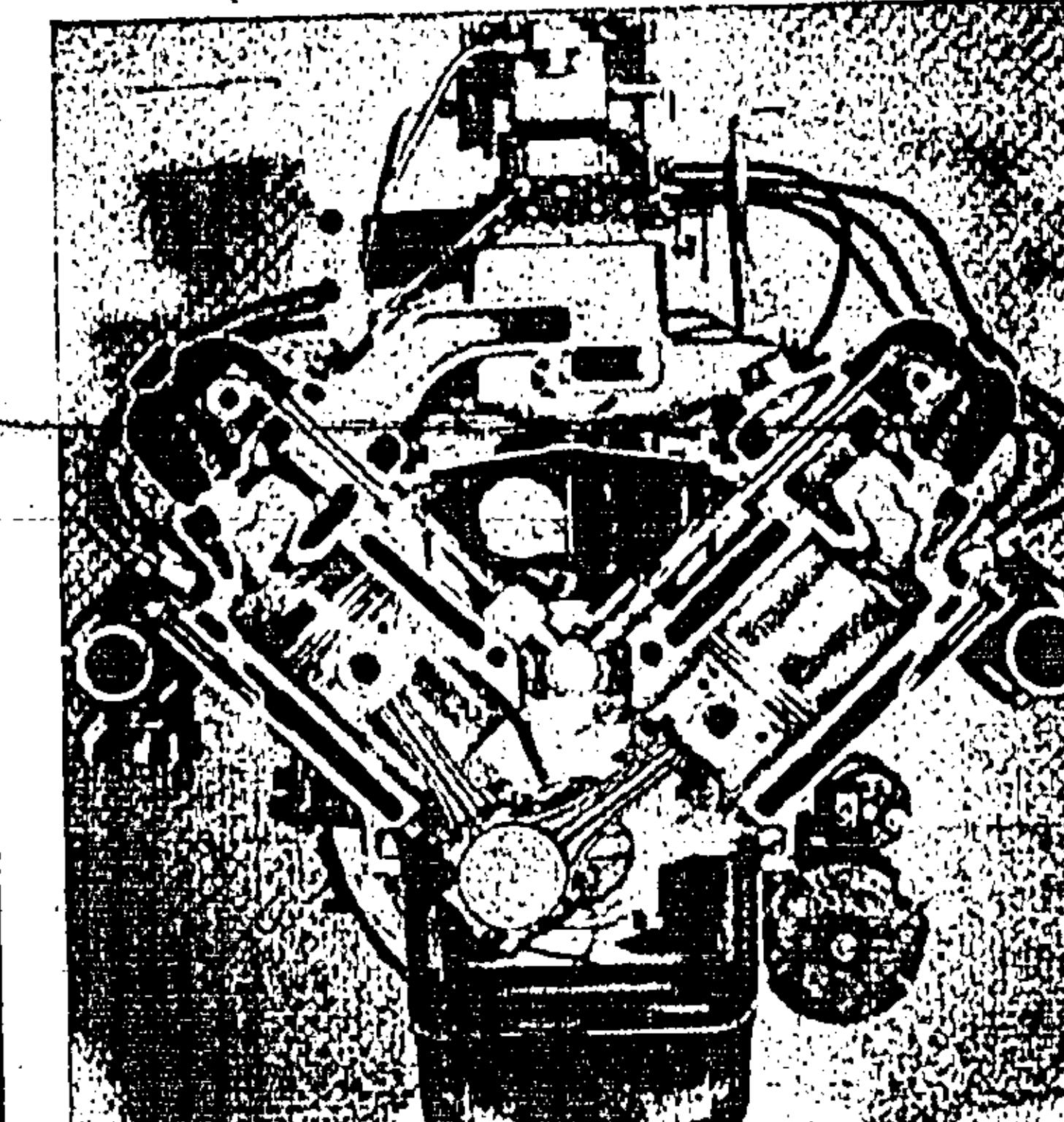
## CAR HEATERS

As a consequence of the export drive, particularly to North America, it has been impressed on British car and accessory manufacturers that if heaters are to be sold as an integral part of a car they must be capable of maintaining warmth inside the car under extreme conditions such as are met in Canada and parts of America.

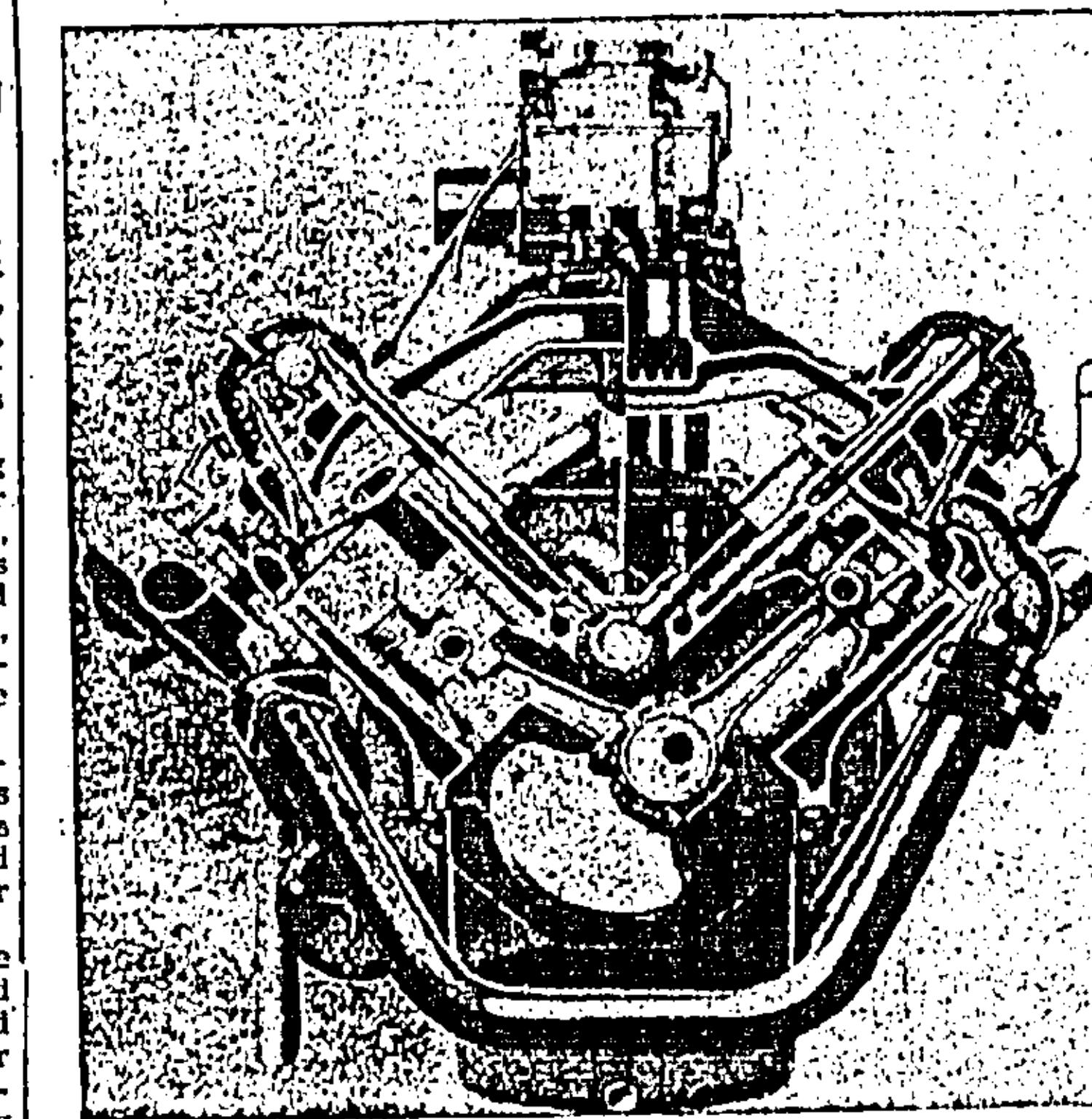
Smiths Motor Accessories, Ltd., recently dispatched a party to Norway, with the object of obtaining accurate "operation" data at very low temperatures, while another heater manufacturer, Dolanley, Galley, Ltd., obtained similar data with the refrigerating plant installed in their research laboratory. As a result of such investigation the heating systems produced by them and by other concerns with equivalent facilities, should be capable of coping with the most arduous conditions in all parts of the world.

In addition there are a number of other concerns that produce less elaborate heaters which are suitable for normal winter conditions in England and those countries which enjoy similar climatic conditions.

## New 'Rocket' Valve



Cross section of the "Rocket" valve in the head of the new Oldsmobile V-8 engine. Comparison of this with the Cadillac engine shown below will show similar basic design but many differences in detail, such as water jacketing, connecting rods, platings, carburettor etc. Both are designed for easy servicing.



## 1949 Oldsmobile To Go On Display

On Monday in the Gloucester Arcade Triangle Motors will display the first of the new series of Oldsmobile for 1949. Two new engines and the adoption of new Futuramic styling for all cars are the outstanding features of the Oldsmobile story for this year.

In the engine line a high compression V-8 overhead valve model is supplied for the larger cars, and a larger in-line six for smaller models. The number of cars in the series has now been reduced to three, the 88 and the 70.

Appearance of the 88 series cars is altered in detail from that of 1948 when Futuramic styling was first introduced. Series 76, however, is for all practical purposes new.

The new V-8 engine has been named "Rocket," starts at 7.25 to one compression ratio, and will, in time, be raised to 12 to one whenever fuels permitting such a ratio are available. Only minor mechanical changes will be needed. Ultimate fuel saving will be about 1/3 states the manufacturer.

## Six Types

Series 70 will come as a club coupe, club sedan, four-door sedan, four-door town sedan, convertible and station wagon. They are trimmed either standard or de luxe, with variations in upholstery and accessories. Station wagon is de luxe only.

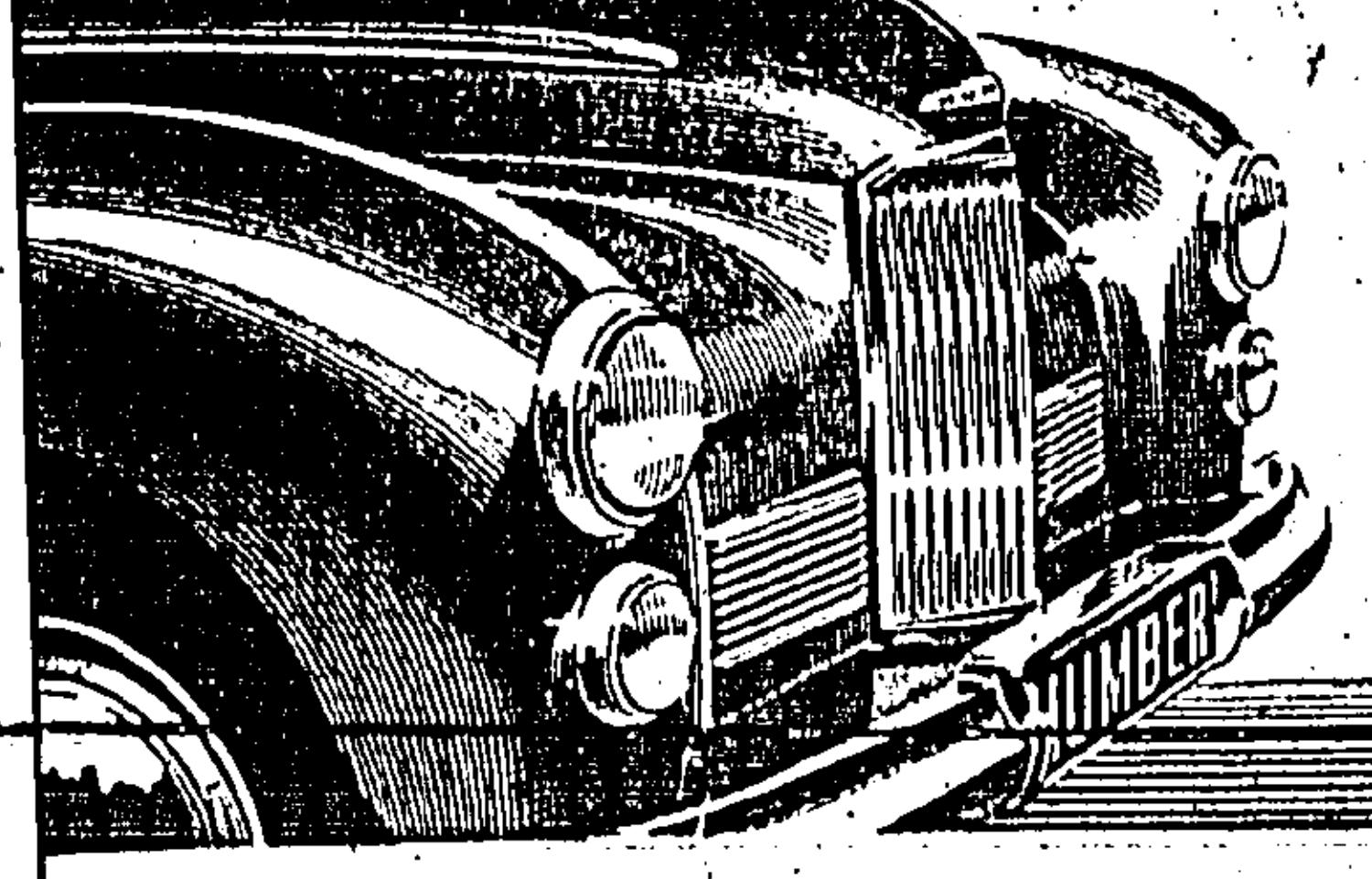
Series 88 is built as a club coupe, four-door sedan and convertible, standard or de luxe. Series 88 cars have Hydra-matic drive on all models. It is still optional on the 70 cars.

In the new Fisher body for Oldsmobile leg room for rear seat passengers has been increased nearly two inches through the development of a new type of spring for the front seat which provides greater clearance over the floor.

The springs, instead of being the conventional coil type, have a zig-zag construction that measures up to the strictest tests for strength and durability as well as for comfort.

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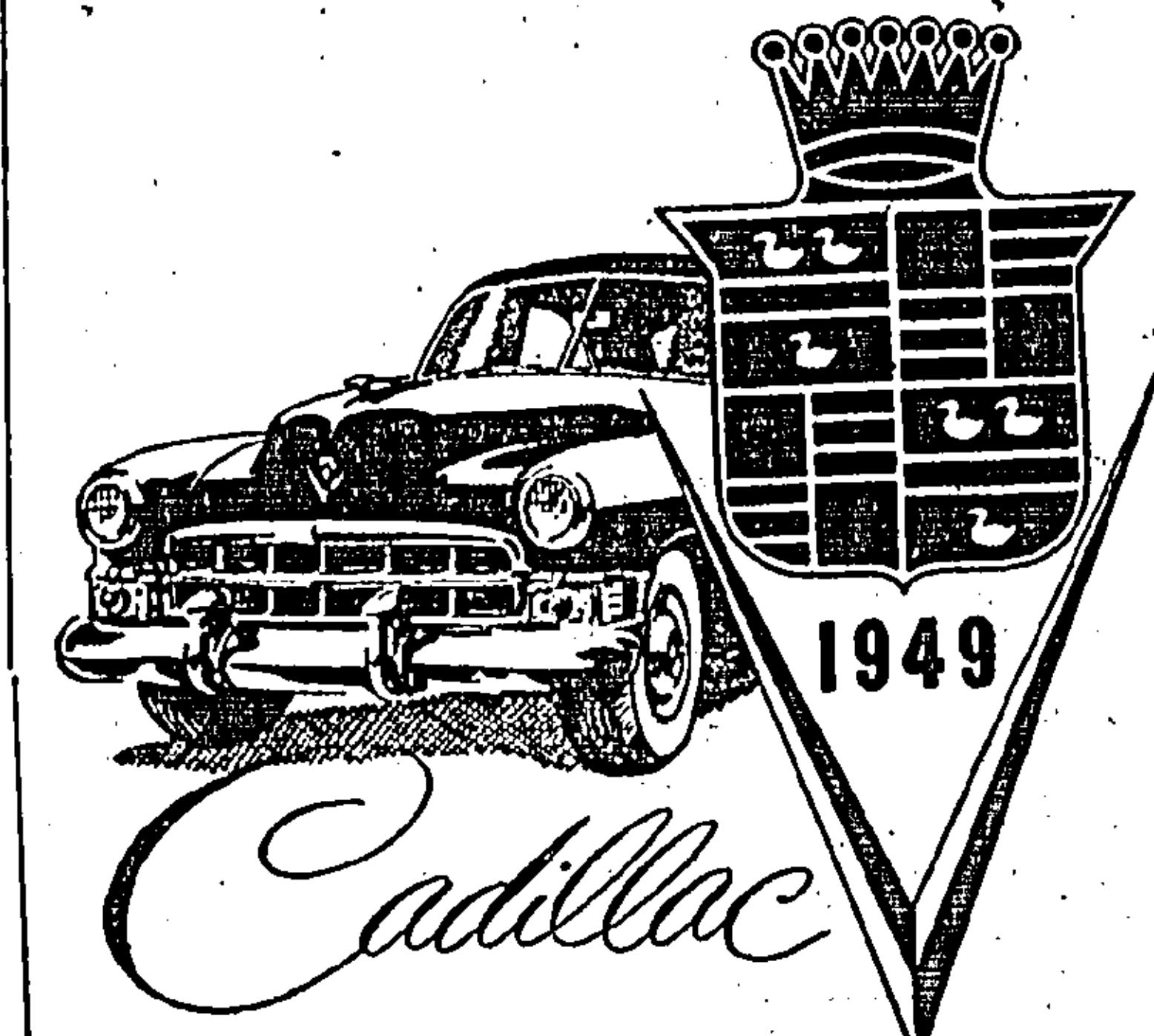


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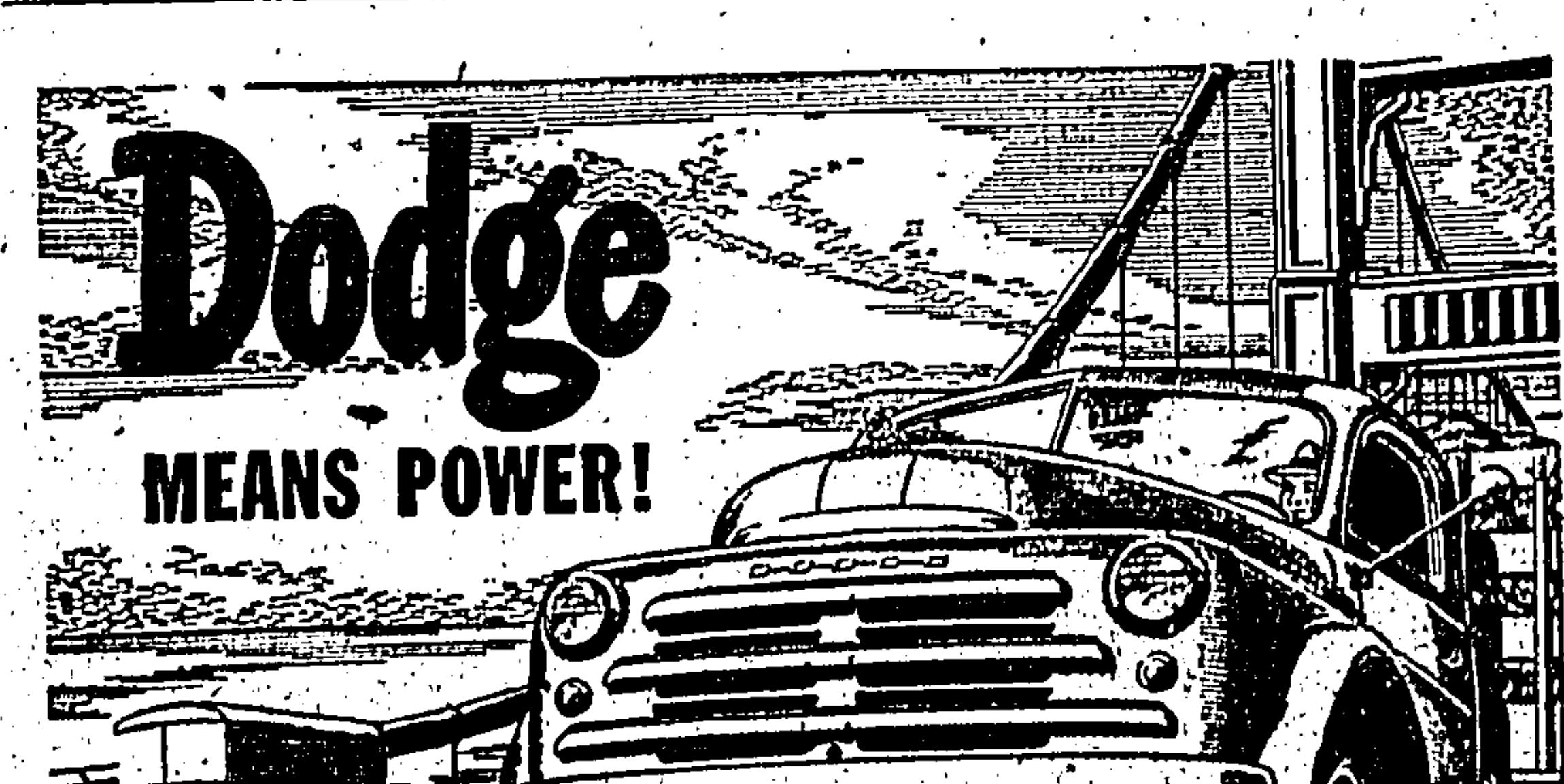
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# BRITISH ARMY IS IN TRANSITIONAL STAGE

## 'RUSSIANS CAN'T MAKE THE BOMB'

London, March 10. The British Army is going through a transitional stage, in which the vital planning factor is carrying out the commitments of the defence of the Western Union. Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War, said this in the House of Commons today when introducing the Army Estimates.

Should mobilisation be necessary in the near future, he said, Britain will have available a substantial number of men who served in the war and are on reserve.

Later, when the conscripts pass into the Territorial Army, the reserves will total well over 500,000, always available and trained up to date.

Mr. Shinwell asked the House to vote £304,700,000 for the Army for the coming year, compared with £300,000,000 (including a supplementary request for £55,000,000) for the current year.

The British troops in Malaya are fighting in conditions as bad as can be experienced anywhere but they are performing their tasks with great vigour, Mr. Shinwell said.

In June, 1948, the civil authorities in Malaya, faced with a campaign to overthrow the administration and to dislocate the economic life of the country, asked the Army to assist in maintaining order, he said.

"Some thousands of well-armed Chinese, operating from bases deep in the jungle, were following a systematic policy of murder and intimidation, together with the destruction of buildings, machinery and rubber plantations.

### Urgent Need

"Since June, in addition to the 4th Hussars and other reinforcements, the Guards Brigade has been sent from the United Kingdom. It was naturally some time before these reinforcements could be acclimatised but they are now operating with much efficiency against an enemy who is favoured with every military factor, except that of equipment and supply.

"In such circumstances, a very high state of efficiency in the use of weapons, in physical fitness and personal courage is necessary. The living conditions for our troops, even when not in action, are not as satisfactory as I should like, although every attempt is being made to improve them.

"When they are in action, the conditions are, I am advised, as bad as can be experienced anywhere. Nevertheless, in the face of all these difficulties, our troops are performing their part with great vigour."

### Summer Manoeuvres

Mr. Shinwell said that the need of the other Western Union countries for equipment to train their forces is so urgent that Britain may have to draw substantially on her own reserves.

Britain has already offered certain types of equipment surplus to her immediate needs, he added.

Mr. Shinwell said: "The most valuable contribution we can make to further the Western Union Pact is by providing the most up-to-date equipment for our own forces and by pushing on research and development to ensure that these forces and indeed, all the forces of the Western Union, are assured of every advantage which modern science and production can give."

Mr. Shinwell said the British Army intends to restart training exercises on a formation level this summer. In the autumn it will carry out a large-scale exercise with troops in the British Army on the Rhine.

Mr. Reginald Paget, Labour, said Western Europe today requires a force of at least 20 really efficient mobile divisions. As far as he can ascertain, the available divisions in Western Europe are: France—five in France and two in Africa, Belgium—three, Holland—probably about two.

Mr. Paget said that Britain, in terms of immediately available divisions, can at this moment do very little indeed.

### If War Comes

Mr. Frederick Bollinger, another Labour Member and a former War Minister, said he is a little disturbed at the handing over of some British reserve equipment to the other Western Union nations.

He hoped that the British Army, if regular recruiting is successful, will not find itself in a poor position for modern equipment.

For the opposition, Mr. Anthony Head, chairman of the Conservative Party's Army Committee, said the Army Britain is designing can never be up to a very high standard.

He asked how is it that with £305 million and 550,000 men there are so few formations and units that can fight. Mr. Head declared that in the event of a war the fate of Western Europe will be settled in the first few months.—Reuter.

"We shall not threaten the freedom of any people, but neither shall we ever let others weaken us by disturbing our economy, dividing the nation and hindering our reconstruction."

France does not believe in the inevitability of war, but with the world still in arms, the allies of yesterday divided and the United Nations Organisation paralysed by mistrust and fear, the French people would never forgive their leaders for being blind, isolated and passive, he added.

### JULIANA BACK

Amsterdam, March 10. Queen Juliana returned today with her youngest daughter, Princess Maryke, from a short holiday in Sankt Anton, Austrian Tyrol.

Affairs of state prevented her from staying longer with her husband, Prince Bernhard, and her daughters, Princesses Beatrix, Irene and Magriet. Prince Bernhard is reported to be slightly unwell.—Associated Press.

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# RUSSIA SPENDING MORE ON HER DEFENCE FORCES

London, March 10. A Private Member's Bill to prohibit the traditional sport of fox hunting was withdrawn in the House of Commons today after Government assurance that a committee will be set up to inquire into cruelty to wild animals.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Premier, said the Government thinks a case exists for investigation by a suitable committee.

The bill, which had led to considerable controversy in the press, was accordingly withdrawn.—Reuter.

## SIDNEY STANLEY'S FUTURE

London, March 10. The Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, told the House of Commons today that he will not consider sending Mr. Sidney Stanley to Israel until the Polish authorities in Warsaw decide whether he can be admitted as a Polish citizen.

Mr. Stanley, a Jew, was a central figure in the recent public investigation of activities of certain men allegedly obtaining favours from several Ministries. A pre-war deportation order against Mr. Stanley had never been executed and efforts are being made to determine whether Polish-born Stanley is a Polish citizen.

In reply to a question, Mr. Ede said he hopes for a report from the Polish Government soon.

A Labour member, Mr. Will Nally, asked whether the matter will be taken up with the Israeli Government in view of the fact that Stanley has sought permission to enter Palestine.

Mr. Ede said he understands Stanley is a Pole and that he will await a Polish decision before considering whether an approach should be made to any other government.—Associated Press.

### Aussies After British Plant

Melbourne, March 10. Four chief engineers from Australia's State Electrical Commission are leaving for Britain this weekend to buy £2,400,000 worth of electrical coal briquetting plant.

If British firms cannot supply the orders in time they will be placed in Switzerland and Germany.

The engineers plan to spend another £2,400,000 on special brown coal briquetting plant in the Anglo-American zones of Germany.—Reuter.

## U.S. Walk-Out At UN Meeting

Lake Success, March 10. The United States delegate to the UN Economic and Social Council stormed out of the meeting today when the Polish delegate referred to U.S. General John Hodge as the gauleiter for Korea.

The U.S. representative, Leroy Stinebower, interrupting the speech being made by Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland, stood up and said: "I and my delegation will not sit at this meeting while these types of insults continue."

He returned after Mr. Katz-Suchy finished his speech. The deputy U.S. representative, Mr. Walter Kolschitzky, accompanied Mr. Stinebower in the walk-out.

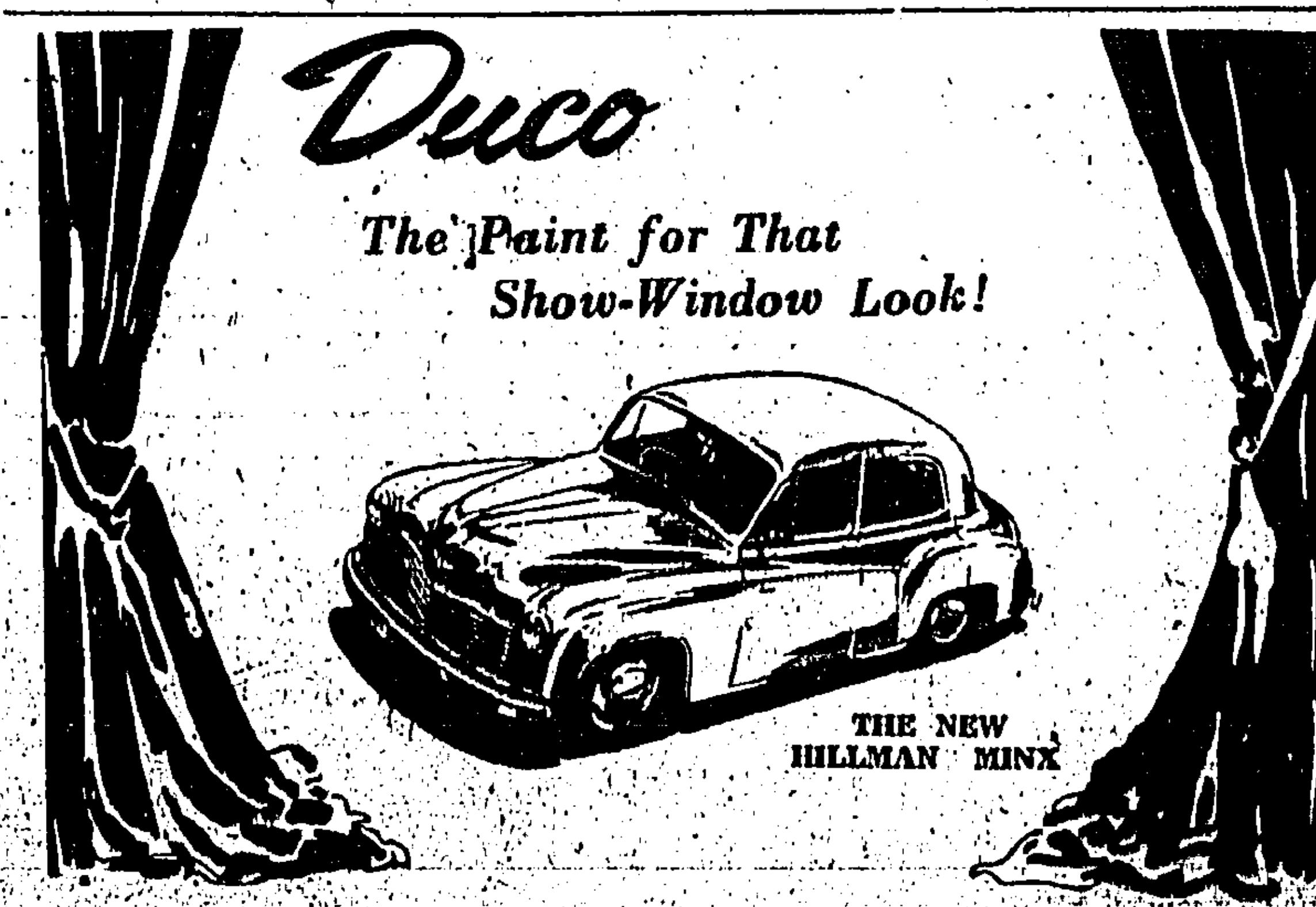
It is the first time an American delegate has walked out of a UN session in this manner. It recalls the walk-out of Russia's Andrey Gromyko in the Spring of 1946 during the Security Council debate of the Iranian question.

Today's incident took place while the Economic and Social

Council debated the bid of the Republic of Korea to join the Economic Commission for the Far East.

After Mr. Stinebower and Mr. Kolschitzky returned, the Council President, Mr. James Thorp of New Zealand, said he regretted that the American delegation felt obliged to leave. Mr. Thorp also asked members to refrain from using abusive language.

In answer, Mr. Katz-Suchy said he had not called the American commander anything different from what he had been called by various American newspapermen. He said he was surprised at the sensitivity of the U.S. delegation who, he pointed out, repeatedly referred to certain states as puppets and satellites.—United Press.



# RUSSIA SPENDING MORE ON HER DEFENCE FORCES

Moscow, March 11. The Finance Minister, A. G. Zverov, told Parliament last night that the Soviet Union plans to spend almost 20 per cent more on her armed forces this year than last year.

The new figure is 79,000,000,000 rubles. This is the equivalent of £3,750,000,000 by the Russian official exchange rate.

He announced the largest budget in the Soviet Union's history.

It provides for revenues of 445,200,000,000 rubles during the current calendar year. Expenditures will be 415,355,000,000 rubles. This will leave a 30,000,000,000 surplus.

Corresponding figures last year were revenues 408,400,000,000, expenditures 368,800,000,000, surplus 30,600,000,000.

Zverov revealed that the Government spent 66 billion rubles on her armed forces last year.

(A budget proposing total expenditures of £41,500,000,000, including £14,300,000,000 for her armed forces, is pending in the United States Congress. The British military budget calls for £784,750,000.

(No exact comparison is possible between the military budgets of the three great powers on available information.)

### Peace Policy

This is because of varying cost factors, the different items included in the military budgets of the various nations, and insufficient information on these factors in Russia.

Zverov's announcement to Parliament (the Supreme Soviet) was made in the presence of the Prime Minister, Joseph Stalin, the First Deputy Prime Minister, V. M. Molotov, the Deputy Prime Minister, A. I. Mikoyan, and other high Soviet officials.

The Parliamentary session

gave no indication of last week's Cabinet shift which relieved Mr. Molotov of his duties as Foreign Minister and Mr. Mikoyan of his job as Minister of Foreign Trade. Both accompanied Stalin upon the tribune.

Zverov said much of the increase in expenditures for the armed forces is accounted for by higher wholesale costs, due to the abolition of state subsidies. "The Soviet Union's policy of world peace will continue," he declared.

### Attack On West

The Finance Minister then delivered a sharp attack on the United States. He blamed America for the present troubled international situation.

Until U.S. military expenditures in this year's budget are 15 times higher than they were in

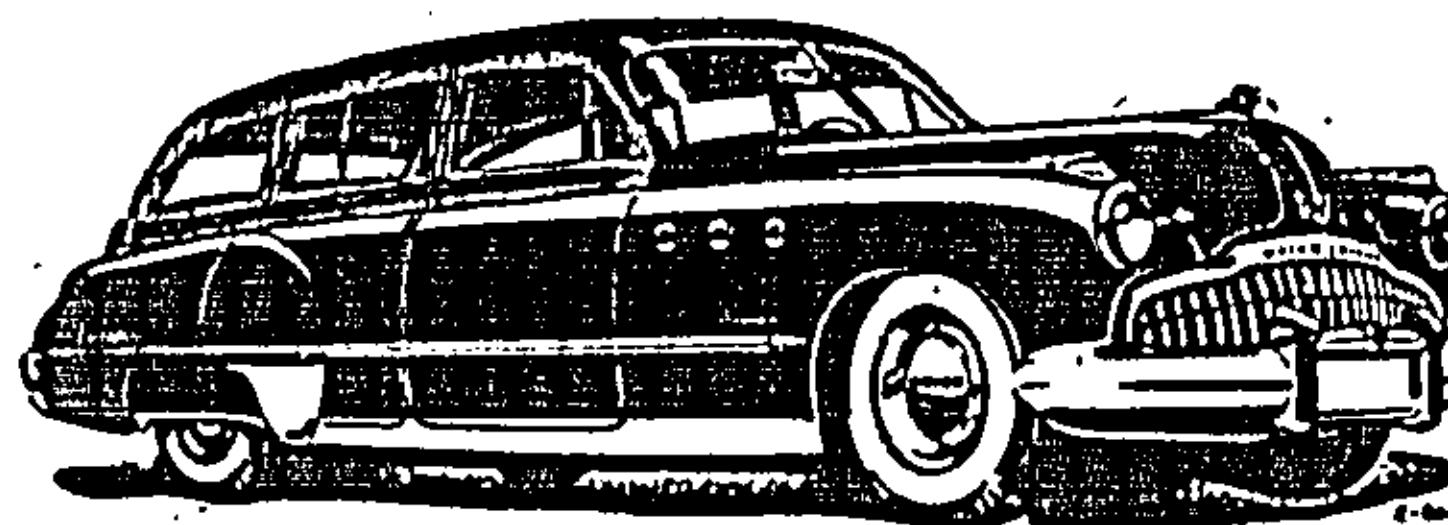
1937, Zverov said. He also criticised Britain for increasing military expenditures.

The budget was read at a joint session of the two Houses—the Council of Union and the Council of Nationalities. Parliament had convened a few hours earlier for sessions which may give the world a clue to Russia's intentions.—Associated Press.

## SOUTH AFRICAN DEFICIT

Pretoria, March 10. During January, 1949, South Africa spent £18,400,568 more than her income, official figures showed today.

The figures gave exports at £13,178,000 and imports at £13,583,234. Imports represent an increase of £2,000,000 compared with December.—Associated Press.



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## THEIR FINEST HOUR

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brigades into a single National Fire Service, and to supplement this with a great Fire Guard of civilians trained and working in their spare time. The Fire Guard, like the roof-watchers, was at first recruited on a voluntary basis, but like them it became by general consent compulsory. The National Fire Service gave in the advantages of greater mobility, a universal standard of training and equipment and formally recognised ranks. The other Civil Defence forces produced regional columns ready at a minute's notice to go anywhere.

The name Civil Defence Service was substituted for the pre-war title of Air Raid Precautions (A.R.P.). Good uniforms were provided for large numbers, and they became conscious of being a Fourth Arm of the Crown.

In all this work Herbert Morri-

son was ably assisted by a brave woman whose death we have lately mourned, Ellen Wilkinson. She was out and about in the shelters at all hours of the day and night and took a prominent part in the organisation of the Fire Guard. The Women's Voluntary Service, under the inspiring leadership of Lady Rendell, also played an invaluable part.

**Safer World**

I was glad that if any of our cities were to be attacked, the brunt should fall on London. London was like some huge prehistoric animal, capable of enduring terrible injuries, mangled and bleeding from many wounds, and yet preserving its life and strength. The Anderson shelters were widespread in the working-class districts of two-storey houses, and everything was done to make them habitable and drain them in wet weather. Later the Morrison shelter was developed, which was no more than a heavy kitchen-table made of steel with strong wire sides capable of holding up the ruins of a small house and thus giving a measure of protection. Many owed their lives to it. For the rest, "London could take it."

As we could see no reason why the hostile bombing of London should not go on throughout the war, it was necessary to make long-term plans for safely housing the central Government machine. Lord Beaverbrook was entrusted with the task of making a large number of bomb-proof strongholds capable of housing the whole essential staffs of many departments of State, and a dozen of them, several connected by tunnels, survive in London today. None of

these were finished till long after the aeroplane raids were over, and few were used during the pilotless aircraft and rocket attacks which came in 1944 and 1945. They were never used for the purposes for which they were prepared, it was good to feel we had them under our ice. The Admiralty on their own constructed the vast moat-works which weighed upon the Horse Guards Parade, and the demolition of whose twenty-foot thick steel and concrete walls will be a problem for future generations when we reach a safer world.

### Solid Stone

Towards the middle of October Josiah Wedgwood began to make a fuss in Parliament about my not having an absolutely bomb-proof shelter for the night raiders. He was an old friend of mine, and had been grievously wounded in the Dardanelles. He had always been a single-taxer. Later he broadened his views on taxation and joined the Labour party. His brother was the Chairman of the Railway Executive Committee. Before the war they had had the foresight to construct a considerable underground office in Pimlico. It was 70 feet below the surface and covered with strong, high buildings. I began to be pressed from all sides to resort to this shelter for sleeping purposes. Eventually I agreed, and from the middle of October till the end of the year I used to go there once the firing had started, to transact my evening business and sleep undisturbed. One felt a natural compunction at having much more safety than most other people; but so many pressed me that I let them have their way.

After about forty nights in the railway shelter, the Annex became stronger, and I moved back to it. Here during the rest of the war my wife and I lived comfortably. We felt confidence in this solid stone building, and only on very rare occasions went down below the armour. My wife even hung up our few pictures in the sitting-room, which I had thought better to keep bare. Her view prevailed and was justified by the event. From the roof near the cupola of the Annex there was a splendid view of London on clear nights. They made a place for me with overhead cover from splinters, and one could walk in the moonlight and watch the fireworks. In 1941 I used to take some of my American visitors up here from time to time after dinner. They were always most interested. On the night of November 3 for

the first time in nearly two months

no alarm sounded in London. The silence seemed quite odd to many.

They wondered what was wrong.

On the following night the enemy's attacks were widely dispersed throughout the Island; and this continued for a while. There had been another change in the policy of the German offensive. Although London was still regarded as the principal target, a major effort was now to be made to cripple the industrial centres of Britain. Special squadrons had been trained with new navigational devices to attack specific key-centres. For instance one formation was trained solely for the destruction of the Rolls-Royce aero-engine works at Hillington, Glasgow. All this was a makeshift and interim plan.

The invasion of Britain had been

temporarily abandoned, and the Hitlerites' Rumania had not been

mounted or expected outside Hitler's intimate circle. The remaining winter months were therefore to be for the German Air Force a period of experiment, both in technical devices in night-bombing, and in attacks upon British sea-borne trade, together with an attempt to break down our production, military and civil.

### Dark Hours

These new bombing tactics be-

gan with the blitz on Coventry on

the night of November 14. London

seemed too large and vague a target

for decisive results, but Gou-

ring hoped that provincial cities or

munition centres might be effect-

ively obliterated. The raid started

early in the dark hours of the 14th

and by dawn nearly 500 German

aircraft had dropped 600 tons of

high explosives and thousands of

incendiaries. On the whole this

was the most devastating raid which

we sustained. The centre of Coven-

try was shattered, and its life for

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## JAPANESE INDUSTRIES LABOUR WRITER URGES REVIVAL

New York, March 11.

G. D. H. Cole, British Socialist writer, urges the revival of Japanese light industry as a means of raising Asian living standard generally.

Mr. Cole approves the American policy of restoring Japanese textile and similar export industries despite the opposition of Anglo-American manufacturers who fear Japanese competition in the world market, particularly in colonial and economically backward territories.

"From the standpoint of the peoples of such territories," he said, "it is the best thing that could happen."

"Cheap Japanese bicycles have been a godsend to peasants in many backward areas. These bicycles have not been bought instead of the bicycles offered by Coventry or by the manufacturers in any of the more advanced countries."

"They have been bought mainly by persons much too poor to afford any bicycles at all, unless the Japanese had offered a remarkably cheap article."

"Similarly, cheap Japanese textiles have been bought by millions of persons who could by no possibility have afforded Lancashire's superior products, and the same thing could be said of many other goods produced by the lighter industries of Japan."

### Absurd Notion

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### Prime Need

Mr. Cole believes that control of Japan's imports, especially scrap metal, should enable ar-

## DRASTIC ACTION BY CAPE TOWN

Capetown, March 10. The South African Treasury today announced a drastic curtailment of all transfers of funds to non-sterling countries.

The announcement said: "As a result of the heavy drain on the Union's gold reserves, the Treasury has been compelled to curtail drastically all transfers of funds to non-sterling countries. Pursuant to this policy, remittances to non-sterling countries for the engagement of the services of boxers, wrestlers and other persons for entertainment purposes in the Union is also being restricted."

People wishing to bring entertainers into the country are warned to get approval of the control before signing contracts. Applications will be considered on their merits.

Only a week ago, a list of restricted imports, many of them exported from Britain, was announced under the Union's austerity programme to stop the outflow of sterling assets. It included motorcars, gramophones and radios. Cars costing over £500 and radios priced at more than £15 were barred altogether. —Reuter.

## CHINA-GERMANY PHONE SERVICE

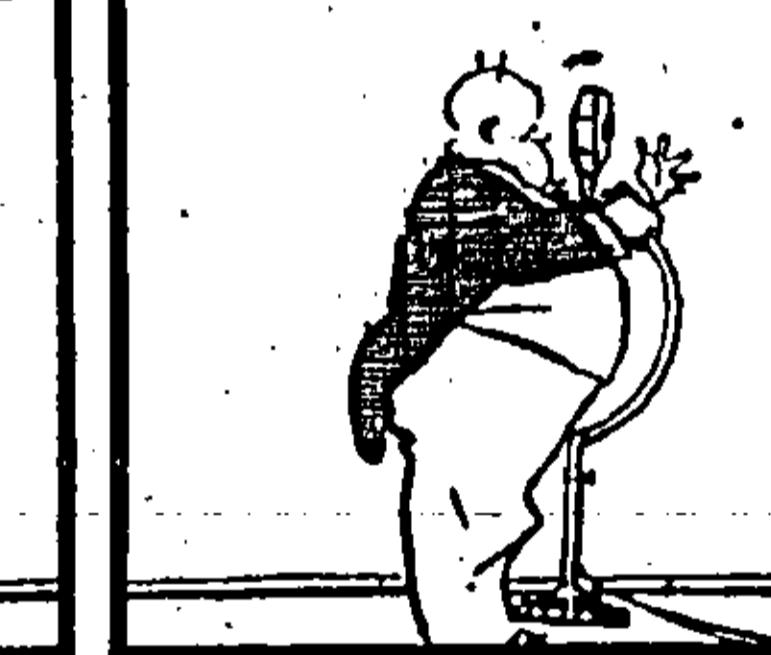
Cairo, March 10. For the attempted "suitcase bombing" of the Egyptian Supreme Court of Justice on January 13, the Supreme Military Court in Cairo today sentenced Ibrahim Shafik Annas to 25 years imprisonment.

Annas, a young employee at the Ministry of Agriculture, was convicted of carrying a bomb in a suitcase to the court building. Suspicious police hustled the bomb outside where it exploded with slight damage.

Annas was alleged to be a member of the Moslem Brotherhood Association which was outlawed by Premier Nokrashi Pasha shortly before he was assassinated by an alleged member of the Association. —Associated Press.

Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, March 10. Twenty-five United States Air Force weather experts concluded a two-day conference here—and found themselves marooned by a snowstorm none of them had forecast. —Reuter.

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"POYANG"	Kreung, Yokohama & Kobe	10 a.m. 15th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Inchow & Tientsin	10 a.m. 16th Mar.
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swatow, Malow, Siacon, Singapore, Balayan & Penang	10 a.m. 16th Mar.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 16th Mar.
"HUEH"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 17th Mar.

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"ELPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	In Port
"CLYTONEUS"	"	13th Mar.
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"TYNDAREUS"	"	3rd April.
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Court  
Brevities

One is never too old to learn from three men, whose ages range from 72 to 75, learned yesterday.

They were among 30 defendants charged with hawkings without licence. The trio were exonerated and discharged but their young contemporaries were fined \$15 each by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Another old man brought was an invalid and had to be carried by an attendant.

After the magistrate has perused a medical certificate stating that defendant might die if the option was deprived of him, the old man was discharged.

"But I have been sitting here for four days, and right now my mother is outside waiting for me," exclaimed a 10-year-old girl.

She was the last in line of some 45 juveniles charged with hawking without licence. She was allowed to join her mother.

As Romulus and Remus have fought over where Rome should be built, so did three Norwegian seamen fight over which way their taxi should go.

They landed them before Mr. Blair-Kerr on a charge of disorderly conduct.

DSI MacDonald, prosecuting said that the three men, Neilson Diddiken, aged 50, A. J. Jacobson, aged 29, and Gestav Erlengen, aged 20, hired a taxi and gave no destination.

Once inside the taxi, the first and second defendants wanted to go to a bar, but Erlengen insisted that he should be taken back to his ship at the docks. So they got out of the taxi and exchanged blows until they were arrested.

Jacobsen had his bill of \$100 extenuated, the other two defendants were each bound over in the sum of \$100. They had also each to pay the taxi driver \$5 for fare.

A 11-year-old boy brought up on a charge of beggary last week, has now found a home.

A well-to-do Chinese engineer has adopted him through the arrangements of the Juvenile Care Centre at Kowloon which has a representative in the Juvenile Court daily.

Buses in Kowloon now have each a depository slot for used tickets. This is obviously done in cooperation with Government's "Keep Your City Clean" campaign. It also serves an additional purpose in that discarded tickets cannot be retrieved and used in the crowded Kowloon buses.

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### EFFORT TO STABILISE WORLD COTTON PRICES

Washington, March 11.

Cotton exporting and importing nations will meet soon to decide whether to attempt an agreement aimed at stabilising cotton prices.

Such an agreement would be modelled after that which an international conference is seeking to negotiate here for wheat without much success thus far.

The cotton meeting will be held in Belgium on April 25-30. It is being called by the International Cotton Advisory Council, an inter-governmental agency which has been struggling with world price and market problems of cotton since before World War II.

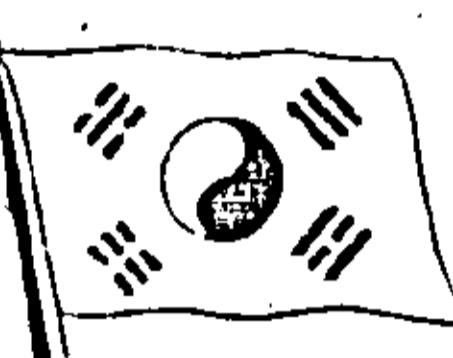
American delegates may advise postponement of negotiations on a cotton agreement until after a decision is reached in a wheat agreement.

Meanwhile, it may become necessary for the U.S. either to allow cotton markets to dwindle further, or to take action such as possible export subsidies, to make its cotton competitive in a world market that has changed from a seller's to a buyer's market since the war.—Associated Press.

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JEPENOR (B & S) British, ex-Singapore  
Capt. P. Cross ..... Holt's Wharf  
MELBOURNE (Standard) American  
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TRINAN (British) British, ex-Singapore  
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TOMORROW

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TOMORROW

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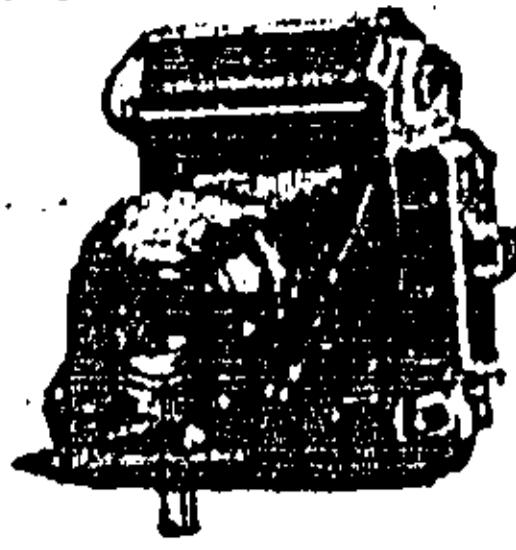
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1949.

## South China 'A' Meet Navy This Afternoon

A full programme of soccer has been arranged for the week-end, with the First Division game between South China "A" and Royal Navy at Causeway Bay this afternoon taking the spotlight.

The meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club of Boundary Street tomorrow is likely to be interesting, while the Kit Chee and Chinese AA game at Caroline Hill will draw large crowds on the Island.

Earlier in the season, Navy lost to South China by three clear goals, after putting up a somewhat spirited display. Although the sailors practically over-ran the Chinese at one stage of the game on that occasion, weakness in the forward line prevented them from scoring.

The sailors have been doing quite well of late and although another win for the Chinese is expected, there is always a chance that the Navy might spring a surprise, as they did in their match against Kowloon Motor Bus last month.

The two Service Teams, RAF and Army, will meet each other at Sookimpoo. The Airmen will undoubtedly take the field full of confidence after their well-merited win over St. Joseph's last week. It is not likely, however, that they will be able to overcome the soldiers, who should take both points. Army won by two goals to one last time.

### At Caroline Hill

A keenly contested game is expected at Caroline Hill between South China "B" and Eastern. The First Round game between these two teams proved to be an exciting affair and ended in a draw, each side scoring three times.

The match between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club at Boundary Street should prove to be the best of tomorrow's games, although Chinese soccer fans are likely to find the Kit Chee and Chinese AA game at Caroline Hill a greater attraction.

### St. Joseph's v Police

St. Joseph's will be home to Police on the Club Ground at Happy Valley. The last meeting between these two teams ended in a most unsatisfactory manner, play being abandoned with seven minutes left for play and the Saints leading by one goal to nil.

The Saints are no longer the powerful side that they were at the beginning of the season and a win for the Police tomorrow would not come as a surprise.

The statement of accounts for the month ended February 28, which was passed at Tuesday's meeting of the HKFA Council, revealed the somewhat interesting information that a sum of HK\$5,825.00 had been disbursed for medical expenses incurred as a result of the Korean series.

These figures would appear to indicate that football in Hong Kong is fast becoming a dangerous as well as expensive form of sport.

### Injury To Players

At a recent meeting of the HKFA, reference was made regarding the apparent lack of interest displayed by officials of the Association in the serious injury sustained by Rafferty of the Royal Navy while playing for England against Portugal in the International Cup.

Rafferty was rushed from the field to Hospital, where he was for some considerable time.

Although a suggestion was put forward and adopted that an official of the HKFA contact Mr. H. J. Clarke, Port Recreation Officer, regarding a visit to Rafferty while in Hospital, it is understood that no action was taken to carry this suggestion into effect.

At the same time, considerable publicity has been given in the

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SOUTH AMERICA

Mar. 21 STRAAT MALAKKA (HNL).

April 21 DOBBEVAIN (BIL).

May 18 STRAAT HOENDA (BIL).

June 17 TEGELDORF (BIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

Mar. 15 MOUNT MANSFIELD (APL). (Skins direct).

22 PRINCE MONROE (APL).

23 PRINCE BUCHANAN (APL).

24 PRINCE VAN DUREN (APL).

25 PRINCE HARDING (APL).

26 PRINCE JEFFERSON (APL).

27 MARINE SNAPPER (APL).

28 PRINCE POLE (APL).

### CLUB 2nd XI

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI in their soccer game against St. Joseph's tomorrow on the Club Grounds.

Brown, Taylor, Sloan, Ousager, Lock, Urquhart, McMenamin, Brookshaw, Nelson, Hickey, Barker.

Kick-off 2 p.m.

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## UPSETS LIKELY IN TODAY'S VALLEY RACE MEETING

An interesting programme of 10 events will feature the Third Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the first race of which will commence promptly at 2 p.m.

It is hoped that the weather will be fine. Even if it does not rain, the track will be on the soft side, with the inevitable result that the going will be slow, in which case upsets can be expected.

### C.K. Lee Enters Semi-Final Of Shuttle Tourny

The University left-hander, C. K. Lee enters the Semi-Final of the Colony Badminton Singles Championship, when he scored a convincing win of 15-7, and 15-5 over YMCA's R. Young at the VRC last night.

Lee was the much sturdier of the two, and his accurate lobes and smashes secured him most of the points. Young, on the other hand seemed to suffer from lack of match temperament, and was not playing his usual form, all his smashes and lobs going yards out of their mark.

The inter-colony affair between the Sours and the Chungs in the Junior Mixed Doubles event turned out to be the most exciting as well as the most enter-taining game of the evening.

The Soares won, but not after a gruelling three set duel.

In the last game of the evening, between Recreio's M. A. Oliveira, J. J. Remedios and W. F. Foo and C. Au, the score had reached 12-11 when Oliveira slipped and dislocated his elbow.

For officials of the HKFA, with the one exception mentioned, to murmur among themselves and to pass rapidly from one item on the agenda to another without the press being cognizant of what is happening.

As regards treatment of the press, the HKFA certainly have something to learn from the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association.

The practice of calling upon the press to leave the room and to stand in a dark corridor for 15 or 20 minutes while officials deliberate on some point, is also most unsatisfactory. At a recent meeting, the press were asked to leave the room on two separate occasions.

It is suggested, therefore, that if the HKFA know that they are going to hold "secret sessions" in future, they should notify the press to this effect and arrange to issue "hand-outs" to the press after the meeting. By adopting this procedure, the HKFA will save the press much valuable time and also eliminate much of the dissatisfaction which exists at present.

The following is the week-end programme:

### Today

1st Division  
RAF v Army: Sookimpoo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney. Linesmen: Pte. Collins and Mak Young-tai.

Navy v South China "A": Navy 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Padley; Linesmen: S. Y. Kwok and A. Ribeiro.

South China "B" v Eastern: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Stone; Linesmen: F. A. Barreto and Y. T. Leung.

KMB v Club: Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Referee: A. E. Guest; Linesmen: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

2nd Division

Army-HK v Navy: Sookimpoo 3 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins. Solicitors v Kit Chee: Navy 3 p.m.; Referee: S. Y. Kwok. Tramways v South China: Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barreto.

Army-KI v CAA: Chatham Road, 3 p.m.; Referee: N. Delgado.

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### Rapier's Selections For Today

Race No. 1—Pottinger Gap Handicap (First Section):

6ix Furlongs.

The day's programme opens

with a race confined to Australian ponies Class 5 and in view of

the short distance it is not easy

to spot the winner. An exciting

event and a close finish is anti-

climated.

It will be remembered that at

the Annual Race Meeting, Colonia (Mr. Ostroumoff) came

second to Noontday Sun in the

Jockey Club Handicap (First

Section) over the two mile post,

and Judging from that perfor-

mance I am inclined to

choose a win for the

Colonia.

Trade Wind (Mr. Poto-Hunt)

Outsider: Countess Delight.

Race No. 2—

JENNIFER

BHARSHOOTER

SPEED WHEEL

Outsider: Busy Bee.

Race No. 3—

ANYWAY

LANA

ARGENTINE MOON

Outsider: The Dingo.

Race No. 4—

BRIVITO

SEAFIRE

CARE FREE

Outsider: Tootsie.

Race No. 5—

SKYMASTER

GOLDEN DAHLIA

DUCHESS DELIGHT

Outsider: Shun Fung.

Race No. 6—

CHIEF WITNESS

FROSTYLIGHT

ARABIAN MOON

Outsider: Possibility.

Race No. 7—

SMUGGLERS PASS

Stakes (Second Section):

From The Two Mile Post

Once Round & In.

Second batch of unplaced

ponies and non-starters of this

season will try conclusion here.

Radiothon (Mr. Ostroumoff) will

be running. Its first race this

afternoon and judging from its

training gallop last Wednesday

morning when it completed the

6ix furlongs in the fine time of

1:20-4 with a last quarter of 29.1

seconds, has the best recom-

mendation for a win here. I ex-

pect it to receive stiff opposition

from Iron Mask (Mr. Wong Yan)

which is fighting fit at the

moment. This pony went over the

6ix furlongs in 1:29.3.

Reuter (Mr. Mu) disappointed

its backers at the last

meeting very badly by running

unplaced in the Ascot Stakes

(First Section) that I am reluc-

tant to suggest any possible

chance of its winning. All the

same for those prepared to take

a risk, this pony may yet spring

a surprise.

Reputation (Mr. Poto-Hunt)

and Good News (Mr. H. S. Chung) are two ponies that are

coming on nicely in their morn-

ing gallops and may cause an

upset.

Race No. 8—Customs Pass

Handicap (Second Section):

Once Round.

This event will be fought out